



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB22-140
October 10, 2022
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB22-140: 2023-2024 Human Services Funding Recommendations	☐ Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Move to approve the Human Services Advisory Committee funding recommendations for the 2023-2024 biennium.	☒ Action Needed: ☒ Motion ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Finance	Drew Bouta	9/26/2022
	Legal	n/a	n/a
	City Administrator	Mike Sauerwein	9/26/2022

DEPARTMENT:	Administration		
STAFF:	Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst		
COMMITTEE:	Finance & Administration	COMMITTEE DATE: October 4, 2022	
MEMBERS:	James Mayhew	Cara Christensen	Bryan Holloway
EXHIBITS:	1. Human Services Funding Recommendations 2023-2024 2. Funding Scorecard 3. Application		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ \$513,945
	\$ \$514,378
AMOUNT BUDGETED	(Proposed 2023/24 Biennium)
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The City received 15 applications from community organizations for human services funding in the 2023-2024 biennium. The Human Services Advisory Committee reviewed and scored the applications in September 2022 to make a funding recommendation to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The City of Snoqualmie assigns a portion of its biennial budget to provide aid for residents in need. Human services are often provided directly by larger municipalities; however, the City of Snoqualmie provides human services through service agreements with community organizations because the City does not employ staff with expertise in these areas. The City accepts applications for funding prior to each biennium and the human

services budget is allocated based on a competitive application review process (see Exhibit 2 for the funding scorecard).

Applicants must meet one of the City's funding priorities to receive human services funding:

1. Food to Eat and a Roof Overhead
2. Supporting and Preparing Youth for Success
3. A Safe Haven from Violence and Abuse
4. Physical and Mental Wellness; and Healthy Aging

The Human Services Advisory Committee is a volunteer committee of three Snoqualmie residents that works with staff to identify and prioritize funding needs in the community, administer the funding application process, recommend budget allocations to the City Council, and review accountability reports from human services organizations to ensure efficient use of City funds.

The City opened the 2023-2024 application for human services funding on Friday, August 5, 2022 and the application closed on Friday, September 2, 2022 after a period of four weeks. The City received 15 applications.

ANALYSIS

The list below includes a summary of each organization that applied for human services funding for the 2023-2024 biennium as well as their proposed use of funds.

A Supportive Community For All

- 2023 Request: \$20,000
2024 Request: \$30,000
- Organization Summary: The mission of A Supportive Community For All is to create a more equitable Snoqualmie Valley by engaging, connecting, and supporting people and organizations to collaboratively build a community where all members can thrive. The organization provides administrative support, coordination, strategic guidance, and referral and navigation support to organizations in the Snoqualmie Valley.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will be used to cover the salary of the Navigation Program Coordinator to oversee the Referral and Navigation Program. The goal of the program is to work with community members to refer them to the services they need and coordinate with partner organizations to avoid duplication of services.

CarePoint Clinic

- 2023 Request: \$5,000
2024 Request: \$5,000
- Organization Summary: CarePoint Clinic seeks to serve the uninsured and underinsured of Snoqualmie Valley and surrounding areas through providing no-cost healthcare. Services include wellness visits, youth sports physicals, patient referrals for medical equipment, and mobile dental services.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will be used to cover the cost of clinic insurance and medical lab expenses for uninsured and underinsured patients.

Eastside Baby Corner

- 2023 Request: \$3,150
2024 Request: \$3,465
- Organization Summary: Eastside Baby Corner provides for the foundation of a healthy life for children ages birth to twelve years old who are experiencing poverty or other hardships. Through an expansive agency partner network, the organization provides basic essential items needed for a child's healthy

development for children birth to 12 years old. These services reduce stress on families and support provider partners working in the City of Snoqualmie to keep families safe, housed and fed.

- Funding Proposal: Funds will be used to provide essential items to families experiencing poverty including formula, baby food, diapers, car seats, clothes, school supplies, books toys and more.

Empower Youth Network

- 2023 Request: \$45,000
2024 Request: \$50,000
- Organization Summary: Empower Youth Network is a non-profit organization serving youth and families in the Snoqualmie Valley. The organization's mission is promoting and inspiring youth to lead safe, healthy, and successful lives. The organization's values embrace the following: Youth play a central role in our community; families that are supported are essential to ensuring safe, healthy, and successful youth; and community has a vital role in raising safe, healthy and successful youth.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support program coordination, supplies, consultant fees, and event expenses for programs and initiatives including youth engagement/leadership development, youth substance use prevention, youth suicide prevention, youth success! mentoring, pathways to employment success, and community outreach.

Encompass Northwest

- 2023 Request: \$40,000
2024 Request: \$40,000
- Organization Summary: Encompass is an early childhood development center that partners with families to build healthy foundations for children. The organization believes what happens early in life matters, that children need opportunities to flourish and reach their full potential, and that supported families strengthen communities. Through pediatric therapy, early learning, and family enrichment programs, the organization serves a largely rural area in the Snoqualmie Valley, Riverview, Skykomish, and Issaquah School Districts.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support direct service personnel costs, split equally across the three program areas of Early Learning, Pediatric Therapy, and Behavioral Health. These programs address the unique needs of children with single parent families, low-income and high-risk parents, grandparents or relatives who are raising a second generation of children, children in foster care, immigrant parents, and children who are challenged with oppositional behaviors, developmental delays, or other social emotional issues.

Friends of Youth

- 2023 Request: \$30,000
2024 Request: \$30,000
- Organization Summary: Friends of Youth is driven by the belief that all youth should have every opportunity to succeed, and the importance of creating partnerships with youth and families to provide the relationships, resources, and skills they need to attain personal growth and success. Founded in 1951 to provide quality foster homes for at-risk adolescent boys, Friends of Youth has since expanded services to provide safe places and support for marginalized young people facing difficult circumstances, including homelessness, foster care, and behavioral health challenges. Friends of Youth serves youth at 24 program sites with services in 18 cities, providing the tools necessary for disenfranchised young people to move from crisis and instability to safety, stability, and success. With over 70 years' experience and national accreditation, the organization serves over 2,000 youth and families ages 0-25 in the Puget Sound Region annually, focusing in North and East King County.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will cover salaries and benefits of therapists and supervisors, taxes, professional fees, office space, and software expenses. The outpatient mental health and substance use disorder therapy programs are for youth and young adults ages 3-25. Appointments are located at the offices in Issaquah, North Bend, and Duvall, virtually via a HIPPA-compliant telehealth platform,

and in school settings across the Riverview and Snoqualmie school districts. Friends of Youth clients are primarily from these cities and school districts, and are primarily low-income adolescents because counseling services use a sliding-scale fee structure and accept Medicaid along with other insurance plans, although it is not a requirement for services.

Helping Hands Ministry

- 2023 Request: \$10,000
2024 Request: \$10,000
- Organization Summary: Helping Hands Ministry assists residents of the Snoqualmie Valley in the form of food and emergency services. The food program delivers bags with enough meals to last the weekend to schools throughout the valley. The emergency assistance program can help with rent and utility assistance as well as gas and grocery vouchers.
- Funding Proposal: Funds are proposed to be split between the food program and a new childcare assistance service. The food program serves families with children in schools between North Bend and Fall City with meals during weekends. The childcare assistance program is a new program that aims to explore the need for drop-in care services during work-related appointments (interviews, dropping off resumes, etc.).

Mamma's Hands

- 2023 Request: \$12,000
2024 Request: \$15,000
- Organization Summary: Founded in 1990, Mamma's Hands has provided help, hope, and healing to families experiencing housing instability and homelessness in our community. The House of Hope program offers a refuge of safety and support services to pregnant women and/or mothers with custodial care of their children in a compassionate "home" environment. The mission of Mamma's Hands is to help those in crisis to regain their self-confidence, and to provide the support needed to become productive members of society.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will be used to cover expenses for the House of Hope, which serves female or self-identified as female head of households who are pregnant and/or parenting at least 1 child under the age of 18 years old on a full-time basis. The House of Hope accepts female children up to age 18, and male children up to age 12. Nearly all families in this program have been impacted by domestic violence.

Mt. Si Senior Center

- 2023 Request: \$32,665
2024 Request: \$32,665
- Organization Summary: Mt. Si Senior Center has been the Upper Snoqualmie Valley's primary resource center for older adults since its founding as a non-profit human services organization in 1977. Annually, the organization helps nearly 1,200 local seniors achieve independence, belonging, wellness, and growth as they age in their own community. Mt. Si Senior Center provides targeted programs and services with a vision that all seniors receive support and respect.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support Snoqualmie seniors participating in the Senior Nutrition Program, Health Promotion and Wellness programs including older adult fitness, health care appointments, general programming, and other food access, Senior Advocacy programs offering information and assistance, and Social, Recreational, and Personal Enrichment/Education programs.

Si View Community Foundation

- 2023 Request: \$1,500
2024 Request: \$1,500
- Organization Summary: Si View Community Foundation is a local non-profit organization with a focus on increasing broad involvement and support for youth programs, parks, recreational facilities, and

services in Snoqualmie Valley. The foundation supports Si View Metro Parks recreation program goals by funding financial need-based scholarships for youth and individuals with disabilities, ensuring equitable access to recreation programs for healthy youth development.

- Funding Proposal: Funds will support financial need-based scholarships for the Learn to Swim program. Scholarships are available to youth ages 18 and younger who reside in the Snoqualmie Valley School District boundaries. Scholarships are awarded to those with the greatest financial need, and award amounts are scaled to cover 25-75% of the cost of swim lessons based on household income. The maximum annual award per applicant is \$250.

Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

- 2023 Request: \$50,000
2024 Request: \$50,000
- Organization Summary: The Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide food and key resources to help our neighbors and our community thrive. The organization supports the effort to feed, educate, and advocate for ending hunger in the Snoqualmie Valley. The Food Bank's largest operation is a grocery store food model serving over 200 households experiencing food insecurity on a weekly basis.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will cover food expenses, salaries for operators of the food bank, utilities, operation of two vehicles used for food delivery, food storage units, and costs to seek out and train volunteers.

Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services

- 2023 Request: \$30,000
2024 Request: \$30,000
- Organization Summary: Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services provides services to those experiencing homelessness by working with our communities to provide emergency shelter, social services, and connections to permanent housing. Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services offers a year-round congregate shelter, a motel voucher program, and a permanent supportive housing program. Each program includes expanded case management services with a focus on trauma informed care.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support the congregate shelter program, which provides immediate crisis response for people experiencing homelessness. The shelter operates year-round and offers 14 permanent beds, one temporary overflow bed, a full kitchen, two ADA compliant bathrooms with one shower, and in-house laundry facilities. The shelter is staffed by a Program Manager, Assistant Program Manager, 8.6 FTEs of Shelter Support Staff, and a Social Services Navigator. The organization estimates the shelter will serve 130 individuals in 2023.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- 2023 Request: \$10,000
2024 Request: \$10,000
- Organization Summary: St. Vincent de Paul is a world-wide organization dedicated to serving the poor and the underserved in our communities. The organization provides assistance through home visits to offer resource referrals and financial assistance. St. Vincent de Paul is focused on keeping our neighbors in their existing homes and keeping the power, heat, and water operational. Additionally, the organization assists with food, clothing, medicine, transportation to work and school, licensing for work and driving, and other essential needs.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will be used to supplement donations and grants which provide financial resources to individuals and families with immediate needs related to housing, utilities, food, clothing, hygiene, transportation, medical needs, and job search or work-related equipment. The organization can provide up to \$500 per occurrence for those having trouble meeting their obligations to pay for housing and utilities.

SVA Church

- 2023 Request: \$25,000
2024 Request: \$25,000
- Organization Summary: The mission of SVA Church is to make known the redeeming, renewing, and reconciling love of Jesus. The organization strives to serve the community by investing and partnering with human service organizations and advocating for those in need and for the well-being of the Snoqualmie Valley. SVA Church strives to be a church that thinks differently, loves unconditionally, and pursues opportunities and possibilities that others may view as too audacious.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support the opening of a counseling center in the Snoqualmie Valley and will partially cover the salary of a Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHC or LSW) who will serve as a Counseling Center Director. The program intends to offer free counseling sessions provided by student counseling interns who are accepted into the Center's training program.

The Trail Youth

- 2023 Request: \$21,000
2024 Request: \$21,000
- Organization Summary: Trail Youth is a nonprofit coffee shop that acts as a safe space for at-risk teenagers. Trail Youth provides free coffee and food, job experience in the form of barista training, mentorship from accredited adults, connections to local teen resources, and more to teenagers in the Snoqualmie Valley. The mission of Trail Youth is to remove labels and renew value so that youth can live out their future potential. Trail Youth exists to provide a safe space for teens needing value, affirmation, purpose, and a future.
- Funding Proposal: Funds will support the Barista Training Program, which aims to equip teenagers with skills to move on to paid employment, and the Teen Hangout Hours Program, which provides a safe space for youth to spend time and access to free food and drinks after school. Supplies for the Barista Training Program include drinks and food, general supplies (cups, syrups, aprons, etc.), food handlers permits, training expenses, and coffee beans. Supplies for Teen Hangout Hours include food for hungry teens, video games and equipment, and expansion of activities at the Coffee Home.

BUDGET IMPACTS

The Mayor's Proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Budget includes a budget for human services in the amount of \$254,014 for 2023 and \$260,364 for 2024 (total for the 2023/24 biennium: \$514,378), which represents inflationary adjustments above the 2022 amount of 6.6% for 2023 and 2.5% for 2024. The Human Services Advisory Committee funding recommendations and allocations for each funding priority based on the applications received are summarized in Exhibit 1.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will coordinate with the successful applicants to finalize service agreements for the 2023-2024 biennium upon Council approval of the human services budget allocations.

PROPOSED ACTION

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