



Memorandum

To: Human Services Advisory Committee Chair Bryan Holloway and Snoqualmie City Council
From: City Clerk Deana Dean
Date: September 17, 2024
Subject: Human Services Funding for the 2025-2026 Biennium

The City of Snoqualmie assigns a portion of its biennial budget to provide aid for residents in need and contracts with community organizations to provide human services. The Human Services Advisory Committee works with staff to identify and prioritize funding needs in the community, administer the funding application process, recommend budget allocations to City Council, and review accountability reports from human services organizations to ensure efficient use of city funds. The four funding priorities are:

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 2025-2026 funding application period opened on June 10, 2024, with applications due on July 12, 2024. A news release was published on the city's website and email notifications were sent to the organizations receiving 2023-2024 funding. Thirteen applications were received.

Based on Finance Department's recommendation, the 2025-2026 budget amount was the 2023-2024 amount plus inflationary increase. The Committee spent considerable time reviewing the funding requests and identifying funding amounts while attempting to remain within the overall 2025-2026 amount. The recommendations are attached.

The Committee would like to note that it was unable to fully fund the human service organizations even with the inflationary increase. Of special significance were the following:

- Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank: NW Harvest, an important contributor of in-kind food donations is ceasing partnerships with east King County food banks, including SVFB, at the end of 2024. ↓ \$10,000 requested
- Empower Youth Network: ↓ \$25,752 requested
- The Trail Youth: ↓ \$13,503 requested
- Reclaim: ↓ \$40,000 requested
- Encompass Northwest: ↓ \$10,000 requested

The Committee asks for Council consideration of additional funds for the 2025-2026 biennium.

Upon Council approval, contracts will be routed for signature and the first of four funding payments will be issued in January 2025.