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DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Follow up to FY 2026 – FY 2027 Human Services Consolidated Funding Process

SUMMARY:

This item is a follow up to the FY 2026 – FY 2027 Human Services Consolidated Funding process briefing presented at the February 19, 2025, City Council B Session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City has partnered with non-profit social service agencies since 1979. Starting in 2005, the Department of Human Services has issued a biennial Consolidated Request for Proposal (RFP) for Human Services investments.

Historically, the process has utilized a two-year funding cycle to streamline award of designated and competitive funds to invest in programming that expand the reach of Human Services. The Mayor and City Council provided staff with policy direction to guide the funding process. Both designated and competitive funds were awarded to agencies through a two-year contract with renewal for the second-year dependent on performance and funding availability.

At the B Session on February 19, 2025, the Department of Human Services provided an update

For the proposed FY 2026 – FY 2027 Human Services Consolidated Funding Process and a pre-solicitation briefing. On February 21, 2025, staff distributed a follow up memo to Mayor and Council that recommended extending the contracts for currently funded programs through Fiscal Year 2026 to provide additional time to engage City Council, stakeholders, and the broader community.

ISSUE:

The Human Services Consolidated Funding Process procures services from our non-profit community to improve the quality of life for the City’s most vulnerable residents. These services support long-term outcomes of the Department of Human Services and reflect City Council priorities. Specifically, the procured services support four key long-term outcomes: children and youth; family safety and stability; people experiencing homelessness; and older adults.

Based on Fiscal Year 2025 funding with grant related budget adjustments, a total of \$24.8 million from the General Fund and State and Federal grants is estimated to be available for the Consolidated Funding Process in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Consolidated Funding Process includes two categories of funding: designated funding (estimated \$9.70 Million in General Fund for FY 2026) and competitive funding (estimated \$15.11 Million in Grant and General Fund for FY 2026). Designated funding is not competitive and is provided to those agencies that provide a service or serve a population that no other agency serves. Competitive funding is provided to agencies for services through a competitive process because the services and populations they serve are similar to other agencies. Staff is recommending that the designated funding be negotiated and awarded through the FY 2026 Budget and the contracts for those agencies that received funding through the competitive process in FY 2025 be extended through May 31, 2026. The extensions will provide additional time to engage City Council, stakeholders, and the broader community.

In the fall, Human Services will return to B Session to provide City Council an opportunity to re-examine the process, and gather feedback on areas of focus, service priorities, and funding requirements. A Request for Proposals will be released after B Session.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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