



DATE: April 6, 2024

TO: Human Relations Commission

FROM: Julie Barnard, Affordable Housing Manager

SUBJECT: Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That the Human Relations Commission recommend for City Council consideration the allocation of \$278,724 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for public service applicants recommended for funding as shown in Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND

This text should supplement the memo, of the same subject, originally posted on March 31, 2024.

The City supplements the public service agency funds (funded by the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)) by providing an annual allocation from its General Fund. Per City policy, the use of the City's General Fund monies directed to the public service agencies must still align with and further the goals and strategies in the City's Federal Consolidated Plan.

There is ongoing General Fund allocation of \$171,000 in the City's budget for public service activities. General Fund public services are reviewed through the same process as CDBG public services per Council Policy A-8. All of the organizations that receive support from the General Fund provide needed and valuable services to low-income seniors, disabled persons, youth, and families. Funding public services activities provides a variety of unique services for low-income and at-risk populations and enables the City to further the priority goals identified in the Federal Consolidated Plan. Without General Fund support, agencies that would not be eligible for CDBG funds would not receive City funding. The Analysis section below discusses the funding recommendations in more detail.

ANALYSIS

General Fund Public Services

The General Fund public service activities are also funded on a two-year cycle along with the CDBG public service activities. There is an ongoing \$171,000 in the City's base budget to fund public services with the General Fund.

During the Fiscal Year 2023-24 process, the City received ten funding requests totaling over \$278,000. At the April 25, 2023 Public Hearing, Council recommended funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to supplement the existing \$171,000 General Fund amount to fully fund all of the requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and to maintain the same funding levels for Fiscal Year 2024-25 depending on if there is sufficient General Fund available. Staff confirmed there would be sufficient General Fund available.

See Attachment 1, for a summary of staff's recommended Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund public service activities and expenditures based on the funding provided in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Attachments: 1. FY 2024-25 General Fund Public Services Allocations