
MEETING SUMMARY
REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022 - 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order

Commissioners present: Vibhas Chandorkar, Janet Richards, Rachid Erekaeni, Marilyn Lazaro, Kathleen Reynolds, Jung Lee, Laya Nair, Arisha Gupta

Staff present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

2. August 22, 2022 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was approved as presented.

3. Items from the Audience

None.

4. Gracious Space

Commissioners introduced themselves to new commissioner Jung Lee.

5. Finalize Funding Recommendations

Staff presented preliminary funding amounts based on prior commission discussions, decisions, and priorities. In general, the rationale for determining funding amounts was:

- Existing programs receive 5% cost of living allowance (COLA) unless request is for less than 5% increase. Then, fully fund request.
- In recognition of jointly funding shelter and homeless infrastructure in East King County, we recommend capping Redmond's contribution to Homelessness & Housing programs and funding a maximum of 5% of the total program budget.
- Fully fund programs addressing strategic plan areas of mental health, housing stability, food, medical, and culturally responsive services, as identified in the strategic plan.
- Fully fund new programs with small requests: Assistance League, Boys & Girls Club, Kinderling ParentChild+.
- For programs that the Commission decided to partially fund, recommend funding $\frac{1}{2}$ of request for new programs and $\frac{1}{2}$ way between current level and full request for existing programs.

One commissioner felt strongly that spreading funding across as many different programs

was preferable to the recommendations presented and that homeless services should receive more support. One commissioner was concerned about the amount of support given to domestic violence and sexual assault services as a whole. Other commissioners wished particular programs received more or less funding, but were willing to accede to the group consensus.

6. Commissioner & Staff Updates

- Vibhas will be out of town the first three weeks of October and unable to attend the study session with Council on October 11 in person.

7. Round Robin

No unresolved issues.

8. Adjourned at 8:17 pm.