

Social Services Funding Policy Worksession August 20, 2019

the ask...

Staff is seeking direction from Council to move forward with the policy guidelines of the Social Services Funding Policy

Social Services in our Community



FY20 funding \$500K distributed by HSAB

Transparency

- Formalized policy
- Clearly defined funding process for social service agencies, citizens, and staff to access

Strategic Goals

- Needs assessment
- Outcome focused
- Enabling self sufficiency

Coordination

- Program coordination
- Consistent funding goals across City programs (CDBG & HSAB)
- Reduce duplication of services



Youth Initiatives

- Addressed under separate policy
- Funding guidelines in support of Youth Master Plan
- Funding distribution administered by Youth Commission

Accountability

- Agencies to provide performance measures
- All City funded programs will be required to report on self sufficiency outcomes

Funding Timeline

- Application kick-off to begin in Oct. 2020
- Agency funding approval and payments in same FY period
- Timeline changes will be communicated to all agencies throughout the process

Equitable Funding

- Based on need assessment
- Funding allocated to programs demonstrating potential outcomes enabling individuals to become self sufficient

Program Summary



Social Services Funding Policy Guidelines



Needs Assessment

The CDBG needs assessment will facilitate setting the self sufficiency goals.

Self Sufficiency Goals

Self sufficiency goals set by community needs. The funding will be allocated to focus on outcomes in each area.



Agencies will be required to expand metrics that demonstrate program outcomes and successful achievement of defined goals

Community Outreach

Encourage cross-agency collaboration and community outreach

Data Management

Agencies providing homeless prevention and intervention services shall utilize HMIS (homeless management information system) data collection standards.

Potential Self Sufficiency Goals



Self sufficiency goals will be determined by a needs assessment. The City seeks to fund programs enabling transition out of current circumstances becoming self sufficient



Basic necessities: food, clothing, health, shelter





Enrichment

Personal or workforce development, community enrichment through cultural & educational programs

Transition out of poverty

Developmental, educational, employment, workforce dev and other special opportunities for disadvantaged persons to further self-reliance



Problem Prevention

Deter growth of problem conditions through education, preventative health programs, crime prevention etc

Universal support services

Long-term support of family and societal support services: poverty, education, child care, counseling, elderly, youth, homeless, unemployed, rehabilitation services

HMIS Summary





What

A software application used to collect demographic information on people served. The purpose of HMIS is to produce an unduplicated count of homeless persons for each Continuum of Care: to understand the extend and nature of homelessness locally, regionally and nationally; and to understand patterns of service use and measure the effectiveness of programs.



Who

All recipients of financial assistance under the Continuum of Care Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant program, the Rural Housing Stability Assistance program, as well as HUD programs are required to use HMIS to collect client-level data on persons served. Local agencies providing homeless services should comply with federal reporting standards. Federal funding is available to assist HMIS implementations.



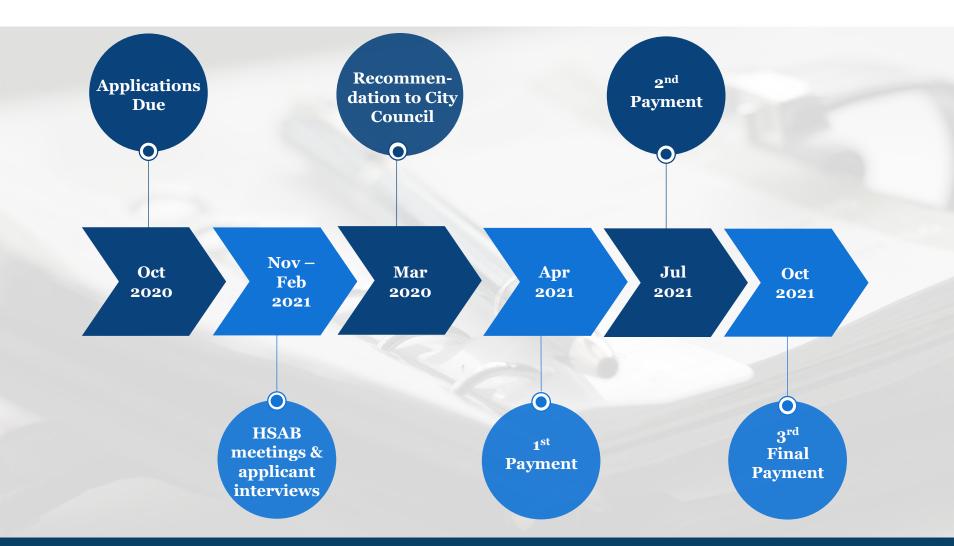
Why

Raising the standards for data management and the ability to report performance measures enables local funding to be monitored for outcome success. As our community continues to grow the demand for homeless services will grow as well. Budget constraints will not be able to support all the needs at the local level. Agencies must be compliant with federal requirements and utilize additional funding sources.

Agencies not currently using HMIS would be allowed a transition period for implementation

HSAB New Funding Cycle – FY21





Social Services funding will be adopted in the budget process prior to HSAB application process begins.

Timeline & Next Steps





April - May



- Consensus to move forward with policy
- Adopt policy November Council meeting

- 3. Collaborate with stakeholders, HSAB, and agencies with changes to application and evaluation
- 4. Complete documentation

- 5. New policy is effective for the FY2021 budget year (Oct 2020 Sept 2021)
- 6. New applications available to agencies with new processes and timeline

Wrap Up

Questions











