



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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Contact: Alicia Ramirez, City Clerk
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ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action to consider the creation of a Human Services Grant Review Committee and to appoint members to the Committee (City Clerk Alicia Ramirez) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the FY2024 Budget discussions, the City Council expressed interest for the Human Services Grant Recipients to present an update on their programs and how the grants funds received from the City are being disbursed. In reviewing the Council's request, one way for the Council to review the programs and the services offered would be to review the applications upon submittal or participate in the grant review interviews. During the interviews, the applicants present a 10-15 minute presentation. Thereafter, the Review Committee makes their recommendations for funding allocations. The Review Committee consists of three citizens, which are recruited from the boards & commissions applicants. The current members are Lori Moya, Tia Pair, and Ricardo Garay, selected by the City Clerk.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Human Services Grant is a program established for non-profit organizations to seek funding for their programs. The City Council increased the grant budget in FY2024 from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

3. ANALYSIS

Per the Charter, Section 3.06, the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the City Council, the members of citizen advisory boards and commissions, whose conditions of membership shall have been set previously by ordinance. The Council may create a committee to assist them in reviewing various programs offered by the City.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES WITH A LOW TAX RATE

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

7. PROS AND CONS

Pro: By creating an official committee to include a Councilmember, program updates will be efficient, and a Councilmember will have the opportunity to participate in the non-profit program's presentation.

Cons: Individual non-profit updates will be scheduled during Council meetings.

8. ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Request direction from the Council to formalize and create a Human Services Review Committee using the current appointees and to possibly include one or more Councilmembers instead of the City Clerk selecting members.

Attachments: