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**SUBJECT:** 2019-20 Human and Support Services Competitive Funding Process  
**DATE:** October 11, 2018

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

This memo outlines the recommendation for Neighborhood & Community Services (NCS) 2019-2020 Human Services and Community Services contracts under the General Fund (GF) and Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

NCS contracts with local providers who align with Tacoma 2025, Council Priorities, and the Department Goals through a competitive process, or direct negotiation to provide resources to various populations in the community. NCS recommends a direct negotiation waiver for Homelessness and Household Stability contracts, Community Mobilization contracts and programs tied to interlocal agreements. All other programs participated in the competitive process.

The Department manages four main portfolios for contracted investment:

- Homelessness and Household Stability
- Community Mobilization
- Social Wellness
- Opportunity & Achievement

Due to commitments made during the prior biennium, Homelessness and Household Stability (HHS) contracts are recommended for sustained funding subject to a performance review. The Community Mobilization portfolio programs are also receiving sustained funding. All other programs (Social Wellness, and Opportunity & Achievement) were required to compete for funding for the 2019 – 2020 Biennium, with the exception of programs tied to MHSUD funds, interlocal agreements, and a previous competitive funding process with automatic renewals.



**ISSUE:**

The proposed 2019-2020 external contract baseline budget is \$9M GF, and \$11.5M MHSUD. For a total of \$21.2 M in available funds for contracted services. Through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) NCS released \$2.2M GF, and \$4.2M MHSUD for a competitive funding process.

The Human Services Commission (HSC) reviewed all eligible applications for funding and will present a set of funding recommendations. Funding recommendations are based on whether programs are appropriately aligned with Tacoma 2025, Council Priorities, and Department Goals. All funding recommendations are contingent on Council approval of NCS budget, and Council's approval of contracts over \$200K.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council may request staff and the Human Services Commission to conduct a secondary review of the recommendations or provide further guidance on funding allocations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact is \$20.5 million and will be moved forward for Council approval as part of the 2019-20 biennial budget authorization process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only.