



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Josh Jacobs, Homeless Services Coordinator, City Manager's Office
Subject: Companion Report: Accommodating Client Literacy and Cognitive Challenges in Community Agency Allocation Funding Process as to Homeless Providers

RECOMMENDATION

Take no action on the Homeless Services Panel of Experts' recommendation, as staff have already included in the community agency allocation funding Request for Proposals (RFP) a question to homeless services providers as to how they plan to accommodate clients with literacy and cognitive challenges.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There should be minimal, if any, fiscal impacts.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Staff agree that many persons who engage with the homeless services system have literacy and cognitive challenges, and after the Homeless Service Panel of Experts approved their recommendation, voluntarily agreed to add a question to assess how homeless service providers are providing accommodations to these persons as part of the agency allocation funding process.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2023, the Homeless Services Panel of Experts passed the following motion:

Action: M/S/C Meany/Wachspress move that Council refer to staff to include a question, to homeless services providers, in the community agency allocation funding RFP as to how homeless services providers plan to accommodate clients with literacy and cognitive challenges.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspress and Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

In response, staff have preemptively added a question to address these concerns to the agency allocation funding process.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no known identifiable environmental effects.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

There is no action needed as staff have already addressed the concern raised by the panel.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

To add further questions to the RFP process.

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