

Housing and Human Services Commission 2019 – Potential Budget and Study Issues

I. Potential Budget Issue Title: Long Term Funding for Human Services General Fund Grants (Budget Issue)

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

HHSC has requested increases to General Fund supplement funding for Human Services Grants in the past. The HHSC indicates that while the demand for services continues to increase, the City's funding allocation for this program has remained essentially flat since 2008. The HHSC and non-profits advocate for increases of funding from the general fund to support this program.

This budget issue would use the annual Sunnyvale population growth as a basis to increase general funds allocated for human services grants. For reference, population growth over the past 10 years is shown below:

Year	Pop	% Change
2018	TBD	TBD
2017	153,656	0.59%
2016	152,762	0.66%
2015	151,760	1.18%
2014	149,984	1.64%
2013	147,559	0.93%
2012	146,199	2.74%
2011	142,299	1.25%
2010	140,549	4.91%
2009	133,967	0.10%
2008	133,827	0.00%

2. Staff comment.

Creating a mechanism to annually allocate the funds could be beneficial for long term financial planning. The timing of grant funding allocation planning typically occurs before the citywide budget planning begins, often putting Council members in a difficult spot in terms of anticipating budget needs at the time of the Human Services priority and funding meeting.

II. **Potential Study Issue Title: Review impacts of Mobile Home Park closures, conversions and rent increases; understand their relation to increases in homeless populations. (Study Issue)**

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

Prepare a study issue which would examine the impacts related to closures, conversions, and rent increases of mobile home parks in Sunnyvale. The study would also focus on understanding these items and any correlation to an increase in homelessness within the community.

2. Would this be a multiple year project? No

3. Staff comment.

The 2017 Housing Strategy includes a number of work items related to mobile home parks. The study's scope includes an analysis, legal framework, and best practices of the mobile home park space rent stabilization programs, conversion policies, and potential acquisition strategies. The consultants will hold various community outreach events and workshops directly with mobile home park residents to gather this data and it is likely several of these proposed topics will be discussed throughout this study. With staff turnover and competing projects, the completion of the housing strategy is expected by FY 2019-2020. There is one remaining mobile home park that is *not* zoned MHP (Aloha Mobile Village, a 39-unit mobile home, RV and "stick-built" park). As to the relationship of changes to mobile home parks and increases in homeless population, it is unlikely that this level of information is available.

III. **Potential Study Issue Title: Update and develop City policies that address the change in human service needs for Sunnyvale residents. (Study Issue)**

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

The HHSC notes that with there are increased needs for current housing and human services and that city policies should be updated. The HHSC noted emphasis should be placed on the lower income residents of Sunnyvale who are most in need of human service programs.

2. Would this be a multiple year project? 2019-2020 for Con Plan (see below)

3. Staff comment.

City Council Policy 5.1.3 (found in the Council Policy Manual) focuses on Human Services. The policy was established to ensure that human services are identified and provided in the most efficient and effective manner. Since health and human service needs are most commonly provided by the County, the City tends to have less specific policies towards human services than it has towards other items more commonly in the City purview (e.g. infrastructure, land use and transportation).

An updated Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) for federal CDBG and HOME funding needs to be completed by July 1, 2020. A key component of the ConPlan is to identify priority human services needs and prepare policies and strategies around those priority needs. Work will commence in 2019 and is included in the Draft HHSC workplan for 2020.