



HUMAN SERVICES GRANT FUNDING

April 9, 2026

Program Overview

- City provides funding to nonprofit agencies serving Des Moines residents
- Part of the biennial Human Services Grant Program
- Applications reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Board Human Services Committee
- Committee provides funding recommendations to the City Council
- These services support vulnerable populations and help address basic community needs that would otherwise place demand on City systems.



Funding History & Accountability

Annual Funding Levels

- 2025–2026: \$150,000
- Prior to 2025: \$250,000

Accountability Requirements

Funded agencies are required to:

- Submit quarterly performance reports
- Demonstrate compliance with funding agreements

**Funding levels were reduced as part of broader General Fund constraints.*



Current Funded Agencies 2025-2026

AGENCY	2025 FUNDING CYCLE	2026 FUNDING CYCLE	CITY/AGENCY PARTNERSHIP
Backpack Brigade	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Des Moines Area Food Bank	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Washington Poison Center	\$1,605	\$1,605	
Health Point (Medical Care)	\$10,000	\$10,000	MOU with City of Covington
Health Point (Dental Care)	\$5,000	\$5,000	MOU with City of Covington
Teen Link	\$4,000	\$4,000	
211 Information Line	\$5,000	\$5,000	MOU with City of Federal Way
Babies of Homelessness	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Consejo Counseling & Referral Services	\$7,500	\$7,500	
St. Stephens Housing Association	\$20,000	\$20,000	
The Genesis Project	\$3,795	\$3,795	
Lighthouse Northwest	\$7,000	\$7,000	
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$4,500	\$4,500	MOU with City of Renton
Children's Home Society of WA	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Pediatric Interim Care Center	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Sound Generations (Meals on Wheels)	\$4,000	\$4,000	MOU with City of Renton
Sound Generations (Volunteer Transportation Program)	\$3,000	\$3,000	MOU with City of Renton
Orion Industries	\$10,000	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$136,400	\$136,400	



Current Funding Criteria (Historical)

Historically, the City has used the following criteria to guide funding recommendations:

- Access to safe, stable housing and food
- Safety from violence
- Physical and mental health
- Education and job readiness
- Early childhood and youth success



Discussion Context

The City does not currently have formally adopted Council policy establishing funding priorities.

This creates an opportunity for Council to:

- Reaffirm or refine funding priorities
- Align funding with current community needs and Council goals
- Provide clear direction to support consistent and transparent evaluation

Council may choose to consider:

- Geographic impact
- Distribution approach
- Desired outcomes



Next Steps

- Council provides policy direction on funding priorities
- Staff & Citizens Advisory Board Human Services Committee (CABHSC) incorporate direction into 2027-2028 applications
- CABHSC to provide recommendations to Council for 2027-2028 funding

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