



2015 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT APPEAL PROCESS

The City's Community Partnership Office and the Human Services Commission strive to hold a fair and balanced process for all grant applicants. Steps taken to ensure this include:

- **Pre-Application** – The Community Partnership Office (CPO) will determine eligibility of a program according to the information given on the pre-application and required attachments.
- **Grant Guide Proposal** – Applicants receive a thorough, question by question guide to assist in completing proposals. Additionally, City Staff are available for technical assistance. Commissioners review and score final proposals.
- **Grant Presentation** – Commissioners review proposed projects with the applicants and ask questions to gather more information as needed. If a commissioner is absent for a presentation he or she will have the opportunity to watch a video of the presentation.
- **Scoring** – The scoring tool is shared with all applicants at the beginning of the process. Commissioners score each applicant individually and staff compiles Commissioner's scores into one composite score for each applicant. Funding recommendations are based on the range of scores for all applicants. A committee, made up of three to four commissioners, may review submitted scores for accuracy in necessary.
- **Scoring reports** – Each applicant receives a scoring report after the process that shows the applicant's total score, the high score and low score, and an applicant-specific scoring tool with Commissioner averaged totals for each category.

If an applicant wishes to appeal the funding recommendations of the Human Services Commission an appeal may be made by submitting a written letter citing reason for appeal within five business days of receiving the agency's scoring report and emailed to:

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Staff will forward the appeal to the Human Services Commission and the City Council prior to the day the funding recommendations will be presented to the City Council.

Any decision regarding the outcome of the appeal rests with the City Council. Applicants will be receive notification of the decision directed by City Council.