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5. 09/14/2020
6. Public Hearing and Discussion on the 2021 CDBG Funding and the 2021-2022 Human Services Funding Plan
7. As the City of Shoreline deliberates on the development of a new budget and allocation of resources, NUHSA appreciates the opportunity to make a statement in support of efforts that will invest in our community and sustain our critical human services infrastructure.

The North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) is an alliance of North King County human services providers, nonprofits, school districts, cities and citizens who advocate for a strong and accessible health and human services system.

The City of Shoreline has been a tremendous partner for many years, and we are grateful for your strong leadership in prioritizing the health and welfare of our community. Even during our COVID times, you have led the way with an emergency grant program, distribution of gas and grocery cards, and the creation of the North King County Shelter Task Force to explore the development of an Enhanced Shelter to serve our most vulnerable residents.

Budgets succinctly reflect a community's values, and as you develop your city budget during these challenging times, we hope you will take this momentous opportunity to continue to act boldly and craft impactful, systemic change. Investments in our communities and families now ensure a strong foundation that will support long-term economic and community growth and success.

We are pleased to see the proposal for a .5 FTE Housing and Human Services Coordinator - and we are particularly

pleased to see that the proposed budget continues to increase funding for human services to reach the City Council's goal of committing 1% of recurring General Fund revenues to human service providers with the allocation for 2021 at 0.95% and for 2022 at 1%.

A continued focus and commitment will be necessary as we expect times will continue to be difficult for many in the months to come. In Shoreline, 52% of rental households (and 33% of households with a mortgage) are cost-burdened, meaning over 30% of their income is spent on housing, making it challenging to afford other necessities such as food, transportation and medical care. Even with the eviction moratorium in place, taking care of basic needs may be hard. Across King County, enrollment in the Basic Food assistance program increased by 18% from January to June 2020, an increase of 17,300 households.

Our community relies on human service organizations to provide the essential building blocks for social, emotional, physical, and financial well-being. From childcare and youth mentoring to services that help older adults stay in their homes, these organizations help people weather life's unpredictable storms and help build the resilience to prepare for the future. We all have a role to play in supporting these services and in creating a just, equitable and healthy community.

Thank you for your dedicated service in sustaining our critical human services infrastructure and for your deep commitment to the health and well-being of our community. With your leadership, every Shoreline resident will be able to reach and fulfill their potential.

8. (o) Support

Thank you,  
**City of Shoreline**

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