

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Human Services Update on 2006 Activities
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division, City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager George Smith, Human Services Planner

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City achieves its goal of improving Shoreline citizens' access to essential human services, by working with non-profit agencies, other units of government, individuals and groups. The highlights of our 2006 activity include:

- Completion of the bi-annual HS allocation process
- Service to 15,738 Shoreline residents through City funded contracts
- Support to 15 agencies providing services to Shoreline residents
- Active partnerships with Shoreline Public Schools, King County and United Way
- Convening volunteers to address hunger and food anxiety
- Placing Shoreline representatives on key regional funding and planning bodies, e.g., the Committee to End Homelessness, King County Human Services Levy Oversight Board
- Supporting Council's work on Goal #5 and the special Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Housing

The past year we saw a collective sharpening of focus on selected human services issues at the state, county and local level. These issues include:

- Housing and homelessness
- Early learning
- School funding and high school completion
- Mental health

Within King County, there has been strong emphasis on planning for and allocating new revenue for human services, reducing the costs of criminal justice as well as system-wide planning for public health.

In 2007 the City will be pursuing activity in the following areas:

- Education and advocacy for human services in Shoreline and North County
- Sustaining community support for human services

- Strengthening partnerships with local agencies and the Shoreline public schools to improve services and supports for youth and families
- Supporting work of the Housing CAC
- Implementing Council direction regarding Goal #5, a Comprehensive Housing Strategy
- Influencing King County policy and funding decisions affecting services in Shoreline and North County,, e.g., Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, allocation of housing funding, implementation of the Human Services Levy and Public Health Master Plan development

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. This is for information purposes only.

Approved By:

City Manager 

City Attorney ____