

Protect City Investments in Seattle Residents & Stabilize Human Services Contracts Adjust for Inflation ~ *It's the JUST thing to do!*

Let's maintain what we have built together.

Seattle's ability to thrive now and in the future depends on our ability to foster economic, emotional, physical, developmental, and social well-being for all of our community members. From youth development to senior centers, community clinics, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and response, food banks and meal programs, homeless shelters, housing, and prevention, **human services build well-being**. We provide the support for Seattle residents to reach their full potential.

Adjust for inflation annually to sustain services.

Like physical infrastructure, we must sustain our human services infrastructure as well: We need to keep up our investment in the **quality services and skilled workers needed to reach the outcomes we aim for**. We undermine our capacity to reach our goals when costs to provide services rise, but investment does not.

If you're planning to give public comment or send an email, here are some ideas you can build on.

- The City of Seattle is at its best when all of us can **live up to our potential** and contribute our diverse gifts and talents to our communities.
- **Seattle relies on human service providers to build and support well-being, so that residents have what they need to thrive at every stage of life.**
- This includes delivering services in **early childhood that establish a solid foundation** for health and development, providing the **safe places and social resources that young people** need to thrive, making sure that **adults have access** to good jobs and affordable homes, and ensuring that **older adults are able to remain connected** to their communities.
- **Human service providers are skilled professionals with specialized knowledge & years of experience.**
- **The human service system is efficient and effective.**
- **The resources that we dedicate to human services impact our ability to realize the best outcomes for our City now and in the future.** This work requires a sound and reliable budget that recognizes the importance of qualified staff and high-quality services. Inadequate or unstable funding places human services on a shaky foundation, making it harder for providers to adequately address current priorities and plan for future needs.
- Providers talk about:
 - **The pride you have in your work.** It's important, it matters, people need support.
 - Costs increase for wages, training, health benefits. Also, talk about how much turnover costs organizations and lessens effectiveness & efficiency.
 - Negative impact on clients when case managers change. Turnover harms ability to support people.
- Cost to the city if we don't do this – providers won't be able to maintain current services without a dependable annual adjustment for inflation on contracts because cost of doing business increases annually.

Adjust for Inflation ~ it's the JUST thing to do!

Keep speaking up with the campaign to win an automatic inflation adjustment for Human Services Contracts.

Take action online TODAY: <http://bit.ly/inflationaction>

RSVP for future meetings and to get updates:

www.homelessinfo.org/adjustforinflation.

Who should be involved: YOU! Service providers, clients, guests, residents, board members, people who want to ensure that we sustain our community investments in human services.

We are counting on you to fill the house! Make sure to invite other supporters to join you at the next meeting!

Please plan to join us on at least one of the upcoming Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee meetings. There will be opportunities for public comment at both:

- **Thursday, June 13, 9:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, July 11, 9:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.**

Location: Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104 – Council Chambers, floor 2

Questions? Visit www.homelessinfo.org/adjustforinflation or
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