

Information Item

Date: August 10, 2020

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:
Information on Potential Process Changes for Community Agency Funding and Contracting

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Expand Policy and Oversight & Reporting Mechanisms

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



During FY 2020-21 budget meetings, Council Members commented that the City's community agency funding process should be improved to provide opportunities to fund new agencies and to provide for more accountability of agencies' use of funding. This information item contains a presentation on several process alternatives used in other jurisdictions. Staff is seeking direction from the Mayor and City Council Members on which items to research more thoroughly and provide formal recommendations for process changes. The alternative process ideas include, but are not limited to, creating strategic funding categories, designing a more competitive grant-based process, implementing a performance-based contracting model, performing on-site monitoring, and conducting formal contract/performance audits.

Based on direction from City Council, staff will provide a report with potential changes and timelines for implementation.