



# **FY2024 to FY 2026 Grant Funding Recommendations**

## **City Council Legislative Session**

**June 27, 2023**



Department of Community  
and Human Services

# Alexandria Fund for Human Services Overview

- AFHS expands the human service delivery system through a competitive grant-making process, in recognition that the City alone cannot address all the critical needs of the community.
- AFHS funds non-profit partners in the community that are providing vital services to Alexandria residents.
- Historically AFHS grants have been supplemented by grantees with \$4 - \$5 million in additional funding from other sources.
- Review of grant submissions and funding recommendations have been made by committees comprised of a cross-section of members from the City human service-related boards and commissions.
- For the past 15 years the appropriation has ranged from \$1.9 to \$2.2 million, and the funding requests typically exceed the available funds.



# AFHS Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Task</b>
March 17, 2023	FY24-26 AFHS Application launched using the online grant making portal
March 27, 2023	DCHS staff hosted Pre-proposal Session and Logic Model Training
April 17, 2023	FY24-26 AFHS Application submission deadline
April 24, 2023	Orientation session held for AFHS Grant Review Committee on the online grantmaking tool
April 24 - May 29, 2023	Application review period
June 1, 2023	First Consensus Review meeting
June 5, 2023	Second Review and Funding Recommendation Meeting



## Description of Review Process

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- A new web-based grant making tool was launched for this round of funding.
- Grant proposals were reviewed and certified by DCHS staff before being moved forward to the external evaluation process.
- Review of grant proposal and funding recommendations were made by a committee comprised of a cross-section of members from the City human service-related boards and commissions.
- The committee used an evaluation and scoring criteria established through the work of the Reform Committee, made up of 9 key elements.

# Application Response

Funding Available: \$1,996,430

Total Requests: \$5,436,449

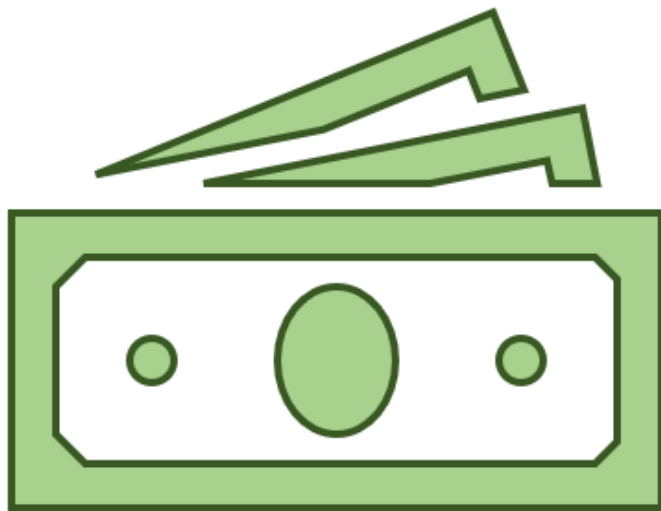
65 Grant proposals from  
57 organizations reviewed

28 New grant proposals to AFHS

37 Proposals from existing AFHS  
funded programs

# Funding Disbursement by Grant Priority

Approved FY 24-26 by Priority Area	Number of Grants Recommended for FY 24-26 Funding	Recommended Award Amounts
All children and youth are school ready. <i>(includes young children 0 to 5)</i>	7	\$454,395.90
All Alexandrians are socially connected, emotionally secure and culturally competent.	10	\$314,683.00
All Alexandrians are economically secure and career ready.	20	\$754,699.99
All Alexandrians have access to physical, dental, mental health and vision resources and services.	8	\$169,824.20
All Alexandrians are assisted in and empowered to prevent and remedy crises. <i>(includes food insecurity, evictions, and financial crises)</i>	8	\$302,826.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	53	\$1,996,430.00



## Funding Recommendations Approach

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- Grant proposals scoring under 70 points were not recommended for funding.
- Current AFHS grantees receive 70% of their FY 2023 grant amount (*not the FY 2024 requested amount*)
- New requests under \$100K receive 60% of the requested amount.
- New requests over \$100K receive 50% of the requested amount.
- New requests over \$200K receive 25% of the requested amount.
- Current AFHS grantees and new requests falling between \$10k to \$15k receive no reduction.



# Next Steps



Provide opportunities for grantees to submit program and budget modifications based on revised grant award offers



Grant agreements executed effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026



Host post award work session within the first 90 days.