

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **FY 2018/19 ASSET PRIORITIES**

BACKGROUND:

In preparation for the upcoming Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) funding cycle, the City's ASSET volunteers annually review the priorities that have been set for the current fiscal year. These priorities have remained relatively unchanged for the past several funding cycles. At the City Council's Goal-Setting Session in January, the City Council established a task for the ASSET volunteers to hold a joint discussion with the City Council regarding the ASSET priorities. In preparation for that discussion, the City's ASSET volunteers met in July to discuss the most recent ASSET funding process, the types of requests received, and whether adjustments were necessary to the City's priorities.

Upon review, the volunteers noted that a variety of services are critical to the residents of the community, including transportation, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and mental health. The volunteers felt that the existing ASSET priorities adequately reflect the need in the community and the City's role in funding human services. The volunteers expressed that the format and the order of the priorities adequately prepare them to make recommendations for funding. They also expressed excitement about the implementation of the Clear Impact Scorecard to measure human services outcomes.

Therefore, the ASSET priorities recommended for FY 2018/19 are the same as those adopted by the City Council for FY 2017/18:

#1 Meet basic needs, with emphasis on low to moderate income:

- Housing cost offset programs, including utility assistance
- Sheltering
- Quality childcare cost offset programs, including daycare and State of Iowa licensed in home facilities
- Food cost offset programs, to assist in providing nutritious perishables and staples
- Transportation cost offset programs for the elderly and families
- Legal assistance
- Disaster response

#2 Meet mental health and chemical dependency needs

- Provide outpatient emergency access to services
- Provide crisis intervention services

- Provide access to non-emergency services
- Ensure substance abuse prevention and treatment is available in the community

#3 Youth development services and activities

- Provide services for social development

The ASSET funding process for FY 2018/19 will begin in August 2017. ASSET volunteers then will begin their agency visits to discuss services and gather information in preparation for the hearings and work sessions in January 2018.

The other funders are working through the process to review and update their priorities in the next few weeks. Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) has approved the same priorities as the prior year. United Way of Story County is reviewing its priorities in early August. ISU Student Government will review its priorities in late August. For reference, the priorities adopted by all funders for the current fiscal year are attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the City's FY 2018/19 ASSET priorities as presented above.
2. Adopt modified priorities for the FY 2018/19 ASSET process.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The ASSET volunteers have discussed the community needs and have considered the City Council's goals. They are recommending approval of the priorities indicated above.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the City's FY 2018/19 ASSET priorities as presented above.

ASSET Funder Priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-18

United Way Priorities

United Way of Story County's priority statement: UWSC supports a variety of high quality services that address Identified community needs and benefit people who live and/or work in Story County. Special consideration will be given to programs that impact services related to education, income and health.

- **Education:** Prevention strategies, outreach and advocacy services exist community-wide; and children and youth have access to the building blocks for academic success.
- **Income:** Individuals and families have basic and emergency needs met and move toward self-sufficiency.
- **Health:** Essential services for healthy lives are affordable and accessible.

ISU Student Government

ISU Student Government adopts the following priorities, in the order that they appear, for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 ASSET allocations:

1. Programs and services that provide aid to victims of and promote personal safety regarding all types of violence, abuse, and sexual assault.
2. Substance abuse prevention and treatment and mental health services, both group and individual care.
3. Childcare services, with specific emphasis on infant and toddler care.
4. Programs that empower traditionally discriminated-against peoples.
5. Subsidizing of food pantries, utilities, rent, homeless shelters, and facilities.
6. Legal services that are not provided by Student Legal Services.
7. Services that enhance understanding of the community through service.

Story County Priorities:

Story County supports the coordination and communication among stakeholders and private and public funding sources to help meet the human service needs for Story County citizens.

Services funded by the county must be available and accessible countywide with an emphasis on:

- Services promoting self-sufficiency and supporting affordable housing and transportation
- Safety, health and well-being of children and adults
- Accessible medical services including substance abuse and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services
- Prevention and early intervention services that provide outreach, advocacy, and academic success

City of Ames Priorities:

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Central Iowa Community Services (Mental Health/Disability Service)

The following are Core Service Domains and are consistent with the requirements of Mental Health/Disability Services redesign:

- Treatment designed to improve a person's condition
- Basic crisis response
- Support for employment
- Recovery services
- Service coordination including coordinating physical health and primary care

Additional Core Service Domains ("core-plus services") are also a requirement of Mental Health/Disability Services redesign and include:

- Comprehensive facility and community-based crisis services
- Sub acute services provided in a facility or community-based settings
- Justice system-involved services
- Services supported by evidence-based practices