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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Deb Schildroth, Assistant City Manager
Date: November 6, 2020
Subject: Policing in Ames Report Recommendation and ASSET Funding Priorities

One of the recommendations in the Policing in Ames – A Path Forward report is reprioritizing the allocation of ASSET funds for those human services that better meet the Council's social justice goals. In preparation for that discussion, please find enclosed a copy of the FY 2021-22 ASSET Funding Priorities for your reference. These are the priorities that were approved at the August 25, 2020 Council meeting.

Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you.



Priorities for 2021/22

(NOTE: Priority categories AND sub-bullets are in priority order)

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

- 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
- Medical and dental services
- Housing cost offset programs, including utility assistance
- Sheltering
- Transportation cost offset programs
- Legal assistance
- Disaster response

#2 Meet mental health and chemical dependency needs

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

#3 Youth development services and activities

- Skill development and enhancement
- Summer enrichment/prevention of loss of learning