

ITEM #: 41  
DATE: 06-25-24  
DEPT: ADMIN

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** **FY 2025/26 ASSET PRIORITIES**

**BACKGROUND:**

The ASSET funding process for FY 2025/26 will begin in August 2024. ASSET volunteers will conduct their agency visits to discuss services, gather information, and submit written reports that will be used for the agency hearings and work sessions scheduled in January 2025.

The approved City priorities for FY 2024/25 are as follows:

*Categories 1, 2, and 3 are in priority order as are the lettered services in each category. An emphasis is placed on low to moderate income individuals and families in all categories and services.*

**#1 Meet mental health and substance use disorder needs through**

- A. Community-based and outpatient mental health services
- B. Outpatient emergency access and crisis intervention services
- C. Awareness and education about suicide prevention and services
- D. Substance use prevention and treatment availability

**#2 Meet basic needs through**

- A. Sheltering, including emergency shelter (length of stay in emergency shelter is dependent upon the population group being served)
- B. Housing cost offset programs including utility assistance
- C. Food cost offset programs to assist in providing nutritious perishables and staples
- D. Quality childcare cost offset programs, including daycare and State of Iowa licensed in-home facilities
- E. Medical and dental services
- F. Financial literacy and education programs
- G. Transportation cost offset programs
- H. Legal assistance
- I. Disaster response

**#3 Provide youth development services and activities through**

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

In preparation for ASSET's FY 2025/26 funding cycle, City staff collected feedback regarding the priorities from the City's ASSET volunteers. **The volunteers do not recommend any changes to the priorities and, therefore, the recommendation is to keep the priorities the same for FY 2025/26 as those approved for FY 2024/25.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the City's FY 2025/26 ASSET priorities as unchanged from the FY 2024/25 priorities listed above.
2. Approve a modified list of ASSET priorities for FY 2025/26 as compared to the FY 2024/25 priorities.
3. Do not approve the ASSET priorities and refer back to staff for further information.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The City's ASSET volunteers have reviewed the priorities in conjunction with community needs and experience from the allocation process last January. The volunteers have suggested that the priorities remain the same. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.