



Human Services Funding Priorities

Human Services funding is available for programs that seek to:

1. Assist citizens to achieve or maintain independence and self-sufficiency.
2. Prevent long-term dependence on public resources.
3. Encourage partnerships between all levels of government, the private sector, charitable and other community organizations, and service providers in addressing human service needs (Programs supported by a diversity of funding sources are preferred).
4. Avoid duplication of services.
5. Provide specific outcomes for the public good.

Funding priorities include:

CRISIS SERVICES: Services that assist individuals and families in meeting emergency health and safety needs to stabilize a crisis, and for which no other or inadequate funding sources are available. Examples: Short-term emergency assistance with food, clothing, shelter, utility, rent or mortgage payments, crisis intervention such as detox or crisis counseling and refuge in abuse cases.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES: Services that prevent or intervene in cases of family breakdown, violence, or poverty. Examples: parent training, youth mentoring, anti-gang human development and academic enrichment programs.

TRANSITIONAL SERVICES: Services that assist individuals and families to remove barriers to obtaining and maintaining economic self-sufficiency. Examples: Job training, child care, transportation, transitional housing, job development and rehabilitation programs such as substance abuse treatment.

LONG-TERM SUPPORT: Services that assist individuals and families in maintaining an independent or semi-independent lifestyle. Examples: Subsidized housing, home-delivered meals or other home-based assistance, adult day care and community-based services to non-institutionalized special populations.

SYSTEM SUPPORT: Services that increase the ability of people with low incomes to participate in the community or that make the human service delivery system more accessible, effective or responsive to the needs and interests of low-income people. Examples: Information and referral, outreach and services that coordinate or leverage resources to be used by the system as a whole.

Staff utilizes the **Community Safety Support Investment Model** to make funding recommendations to Council. The Community Safety Support Investment Model:

- Guides the City of Mesa's efforts to use limited human services resources as wisely and effectively as possible to ensure the safety of the community.
- Helps identify the programs that are most successful at improving community safety conditions.
- Supports the Mesa City Council's priority of funding human service programs that impact community safety; those with outcomes that may have a direct impact on police, fire and safety services.