

OurRenton

Community News, Programs, and Events



City budgets \$812,000 for human services support

64 local providers will receive funding

RENTON'S BUDGET FOR 2023 AND 2024 contains \$812,000 in human services funding. The City Council approved this increased funding which local and regional providers will use to assist members of our community.

"This allocation demonstrates our commitment to those most in need of our help," said Mayor Armondo Pavone. "My thanks to the city council for their unwavering commitment to our community and the resident-led advisory committee, who identified the needs and recommended the agencies who could provide the most help."

The Human Services Division coordinated the application process and executed the distribution of funds. The division is within the city's newest department, Equity, Housing, and Human Services (EHHS). EHHS has united multiple divisions dedicated to improving residents' health and livability by funding resources and streamlining providers' application and distribution processes.

The city received applications from 91 providers for this funding cycle. The **Human Services Advisory Committee** spent months thoroughly reviewing applications and recommended funding for 64 human services providers. For convenience and to reduce multiple applications, providers submitted applications using the Human Services Funding Collaborative, a collection of 16 cities in King County. The Collaborative application process allowed providers to enter their information once and have it sent to each member city. Joining Renton in the Collaborative were the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Issaguah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, and Tukwila.

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The applications were divided into six priority areas: Basic Needs, Connector Services, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services, Economic Opportunity/ Self Sufficiency, Health and Wellness, and Homeless/Housing Services for review. The Human Services Advisory Committee used a 15-point matrix incorporating priority and equity as part of the review process.

Once an application is executed, quarterly reporting is required to track and ensure Renton community members receive services. Data collected from 2021-2022 indicated primarily women and children were served. The reporting also includes powerful stories illustrating the positive impact these services provide to our community.

Allocating funding and working with service providers are the first steps in providing help. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please have them contact the city's <u>Human Services Division</u> at 425-430-6600.





Black History Month

Tour Renton's African American sites

AS PART OF THE CITY'S CELEBRATION of Black History Month, lifelong Renton residents John Huston and Benita Horn serve as your guides to the remarkable history of Renton's African American residents and their contributions to the community. Travel with them to discover the center of their community, the effects of development, local dignitaries, and more.

For example:

Do you know where the first African American community in Renton was located?

- Do you know who is buried at Greenwood Cemetery? (Okay, this one is easy!)
- Do you know who the Highlands Post Office is named after?
- Do you know how Heritage Park got its name?

John and Benita answer these and many more questions during their interactive presentation. In addition, the city's website has more Black History Month celebrations listed at rentonwa.gov/bhm.

Community Calendar

Renton High School Multicultural Show

FEB 10 & 12, Friday 6pm, Sunday 1pm Renton High School, 400 S 2nd St.

Featuring performers from a variety of cultures as well as traditional fashions from around the world. Tickets \$5 at door or online at rentonschools.us/locations/ripac/multicultural-show-saturday

Unity & Perseverance Open Forum Discussion FEB 18, Saturday, 12:30-4pm

The Towers #2, The Hyatt Regency Southport, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd N Discussion centered around Black culture and community. Refreshments provided. Hosted by Renton-King County Alliance for Justice.

Melanin Magic Disco FEB 18, Saturday, 8pm-Midnight

The Towers #2, The Hyatt Regency Southport, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd N Disco event celebrating Black history and current members of the Black community who have continuously give of their time, and resources. Tickets at eventbrite.com.

Veterans Memorial Park Tile Application Deadline FEB 28, online

To recognize an honorably discharged U.S. military veteran this coming Memorial Day, be sure to submit an application by Feb. 28 at rentonwa.gov/vmp. To receive a paper copy, call 425-430-6600 or email veteranspark@rentonwa.gov.

City Hall Hours

Municipal Court & Passports

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m. Passports: Tuesday mornings. Call 425-430-6550 to schedule.

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, License & Tax Counter Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building & Permit CounterMonday, Wednesday and Thursday
9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4 p.m.

Police Counter

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Mayor 425-430-6500
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City Council 425-430-6501
City Clerk 425-430-6510
Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
Parks & Recreation 425-430-6600
Licensing & Taxes 425-430-6851
Municipal Court
& Passports 425-430-6550
Police (business line) 425-430-7500
Regional Fire Authority 425-271-7900
Utility Billing 425-430-6852

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