City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Council Meeting: February 24, 2026

Subject: 2026 Outside Agency Funding Recommendations

Presenter: Paul Briseno, City Manager
                                        Heidi Gullickson, United Way Director

Summary:
The 2026 outside agency funding recommendations are presented to the City Council for final action. Approximately $274,254 was budgeted for social service agencies. Staff recommends approval.

Item Details:
Annually, the City Council commits a portion of the budget to outside agency funding based on policy. The Council approved $274,254 in the 2026 budget for outside agency funding. The increase from the 2025 funding level of $263,715 meets the requirements of the City Council funding of outside agencies.

The 2026 City funding request for social service agencies is $424,500 from 15 local agencies. Each agency's request and recommended funding levels are attached to this document. The United Way committee reviewed applications, and an impact rubric assisted in providing a recommendation. Food security and rental assistance were prioritized this past year based on community need.

Legal Consideration:
There are no legal considerations at this time.

Strategic Plan Consideration:
- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.
- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.

Financial Consideration:
The Council budgeted $274,254 for social services efforts.

Supporting Documentation:
2026 Funding Recommendation