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Request for Information Process / Summary

The RFI process was released in November 2021 and 36 brief proposal ideas were submitted by the deadline. An ad-hoc committee was formed to review and consider which ones to set aside as contingency options for further consideration by the Council. Staff thanks Councilmembers Ben, Vijette and Kin on their feedback.

Fourteen were not reviewed by the ad-hoc committee as they did not meet the requirements or were not able to be funded through any means. The following RFI's were selected and can be considered by the Council:

1. **ASU, Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services.** RFI addresses the Goal Inclusion with a focus on transportation. RFI proposes to partner with Dot, Inc. to create a "smart hub" pilot, barrier-free smart campus at ASU's Thunderbird School for Global Management and the Beus Center for Law and Society, that can be expanded to existing structure. By using technology and apps that can be downloaded on a person's mobile phone, barrier free kiosks will be implemented throughout the campus utilizing 3D map-based operation SW development/Kiosk HW. Dot Kiosks feature the following capabilities: Auto high adjustments, Sign language, Tactile display, 3D Mapping inside the campus, AI voice recognition, Physical keyboard, Speaker & Earphone, and UI/UX (SW). Approximate cost \$60,000.
2. **DES Refugee Resettlement Agency.** RFI addresses the Goal Inclusion. Partner with refugee agencies that need a host of services for refugees that are I/DD, such as assistance with Education services, such as distance learning, assistance with navigating special education, support for a refugee advocate that can accompany the families that attend and IEP meetings and serve as a liaison to a school district. Create videos that explain AZEIP, and IEP's in various languages. Electronic devices to help provide on the spot translation services via voice input or map services. Approximate cost up to \$100,000.
3. **NAU/IHD UCEDD.** RFI addresses the Goals System Access and Navigation and Self-Determination. The RFI proposes the "Parenting with a Disability Project" to support individuals with I/DD and family members who want to have children or who are already parents, but need information, resources, advocacy assistance and peer mentoring to succeed. The project will be in two phases: Phase 1: A needs assessment via a survey to disability organizations to determine if/how state agencies and nonprofit organizations currently address services that support parenting with a disability. Phase 2 will be to create parenting resources that target individuals with I/DD and their families, delivered through a series of webinars and/or in-person events that will provide topic-driven information on parenting with a disability to individuals with I/DD and those that support them. Approximate cost \$60,000.
4. **Raising Special Kids.** RFI addresses the Goal System Access and Navigation. The RFI is to conduct a statewide assessment with local disability and healthcare agencies to better understand what barriers women who are pregnant or desire a pregnancy encounter when they have a disability (physical, mental or intellectual). Barriers to assess include access to care,

resource or educational information regarding pregnancy, delivery, etc., peer education and support, and providers who are educated specifically about caring for women with disabilities. Information from this assessment will allow all groups to have more awareness of the needs of pregnant women with a disability face so that appropriate education and resources are available. Approximate cost up to \$100,000.