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## **MOTION**

**WE MOVE** that the Administration develop recommendations to finalize contracts implementing human services grants much sooner after Council approves the grant awards, so that the intended benefit of the grant awards is not unnecessarily delayed, sometimes for months.

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## **Statement:**

Nine months after passing the last City budget, several agencies are still waiting for the finalization of their contracts. The "Human Services" funding supports agencies providing essential services to the most fragile of our citizens. According to a recent survey by the Human Services Chamber, these contracting delays have caused some organizations to experience additional financial stress and administrative burden. In some cases, fewer people received needed supports and services because funding was not available. It is essential for the well-being of our citizens that the city become more limber and be able to create contracts and provide funding within a month or two of the finalizations of the budget.

As of today, 19 agencies are still waiting for contracts to use Human Services Funds and 6 organizations are waiting for contracts and/or funds allocated through the Hands Up

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Initiative. In addition, the anti-poverty initiative ProjectLift, which Council funded in the amount of \$600K, has been waiting for a contract and funding since August 2019.

Maybe, a focus group could be formed with members of the city administration, including Law and DCED, and representatives of the Human Service agencies, since the issue is multi-dimensional with many involved in the outcome.