



MEMORANDUM

TO: IMMIGRATION ADVISORY BOARD
FROM: BRIAN HEINRICH, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
CC: MAYOR SETH FLEETWOOD; CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: DATA COLLECTION
DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Ordinance 2019-11-033 that created the Immigration Advisory Board provides direction regarding data collection: Section 1a and Section 2 address the data collection element of the Board's work:

A. Board Established

Pursuant to Bellingham City Charter Section 7.01, there is established an Immigration Advisory Board ("Board"). The purpose of the Board is to review and evaluate existing policies and make specific recommendations regarding City policy related to immigration matters. This evaluation will include, but is not limited to, analysis of City data to determine compliance with E2SSB 5497. The Board will make recommendations for further data to be compiled in order to facilitate its recommendations. In addition, the Board shall support community involvement in and discussion of regional issues and decisions about our city's future as it relates to immigration.

Section 2:

Data Collection

The City shall collect data regarding any and all contact between the City of Bellingham and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP). This data collection will be used to help in monitoring compliance with E2SSB 5497.

With that framework in mind, I've been asked to address the following:

- a. With respect to data collection, what additional data on outcomes is available?

Additional information is dependent upon whatever action took place at the initial intake of the call, whether for assistance or to share information. By way of explanation, it's worth noting that the Dispatch center is the countywide 9-1-1 emergency response line. The center handles all law enforcement 9-1-1 calls for

Whatcom County and each of the six small cities in addition to Bellingham. So, for details on a request for assistance or action that aren't specific to the City of Bellingham, a request to that municipality or agency would have to be made on the outcome of that call. For Bellingham-specific requests, I can get additional detail provided there was an action that occurred based on any request made during the initial contact.

- b. Is there other City data on contacts with ICE?

No. Any contact with ICE would be via Dispatch much in the same way that CBP contacts our agency to share information or request assistance.

- c. What is the scope of use for telecommunication towers (specifically as related to data transmission and protection)?

The communications tower serves the City and industry in providing telecommunications service to the community. Access to the tower and equipment rooms is highly restricted and subject to approval by the City.

- d. Are there conditions placed on federal funding received by the City (for example, federal grants)?

Yes. Currently the City has the following Federal grants (all are non-immigration related) and there are limitations placed on the applicable use of the funds. Generally, these funds are limited to the use as described below.

Community Development Block Grant - Funds used for priority needs, including preservation of housing stock, lead-based paint, public improvements, public services and administration and planning.

Community Development Block Grant, COVID - Funds used for human services response to the COVID-19 pandemic

HOME Fund - Funds used for homebuyer assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing development (including CHDOs) and administration.

Section 108 - Loan funds potentially used for capital acquisition/development for childcare facilities (note: the City does not currently have these funds, but has identified that these may be a future source of funding)

Bureau of Justice – Grant to purchase x-ray equipment for the Hazardous Devices Unit

CARES Act – Federal funds administered by the State of Washington in response to the COVID-19 pandemic