

SDDTAC Budget Recommendations Process

11 responses

PROCESS & TIMELINE

1. What aspects of the accelerated timeline worked well, and what aspects did not work well?

8 responses

I thought that this process was a positive experience as a member of SDDTAC and also a thoughtful approach.

I think the accelerated timeline worked well in allowing more space and time for advocacy where the co-chairs got to meet with departments, supervisors, and the Mayor. Since we voted on the recommendations in December, rather than February, the process may have felt rushed and community input may not have been as strong.

I am grateful to our co-chairs for meeting w Director Tsai and learning about how to prepare the budget much earlier in order to advocate for the budget w BOS staff as well as the Mayors staff. From my understanding, this allowed us to find synergy and support as city budgets are being developed, not after. It was a good plan.

Both aspects were feasible

I think that aligning with Mayor's Budget Office, DPH leadership, and Board of Supervisors is very important so I think the accelerated timeline was very helpful in that sense. I think the only issue before was that we needed to really be thoughtful and in alignment with data in a different way because of the budget constraints that the City and County is experiencing so I think we just need to know that we will need additional time to process and come to consensus.

It is good always good to align timelines so that the committees recommendations are being discussed in a timely fashion with BOS & Leads for SF Health and Human Services. Let's keep adopting this timeline.

Early completion was good - I joined after it was done

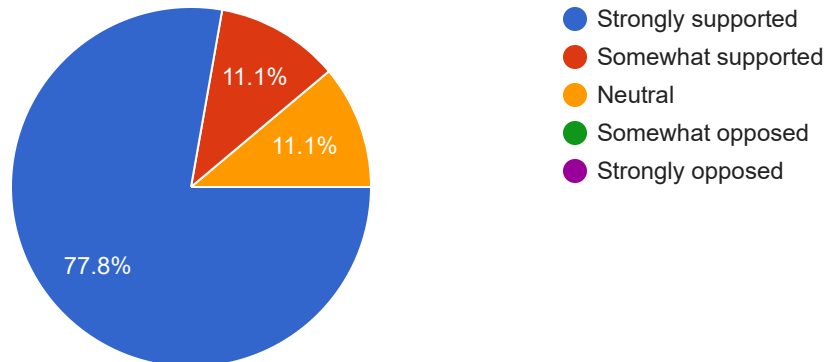
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NORTH STAR & BRIDGE PLAN

2. Overall, how did you feel about the committee developing and voting on both a North Star and a Bridge Plan for FY 26-27?

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9 responses



3. Do you think submitting a North Star and Bridge Plan was a good idea? Why or why not?

9 responses

Yes- NorthStar outlines what is aspirational for this money and the Bridge Plan outlines what is absolutely necessary.

Yes, I think submitting a North Star and Bridge Plan was a great idea because it clearly illustrated to the Mayor and BOS what the community wants and needs and comparing that to what is best-case scenario and plausible.

Yes. It allowed our co-chairs budget flexibility when they were meeting w leaders on behalf of our committee.

It allowed for greater program flexibility

I think it's always a good idea to offer multiple options because then there's a higher likelihood that there will be more alignment/understanding of how to honor the intention of SDDTAC and the final allocations. Feels like a concrete way to show what the priorities are.

I am on the fence. I think having a Bridge Plan allowed the committee to be compassionate toward the city's financial issues but I am not sure the city respected this effort. The North Star could be renamed to the Community's North Star.

Yes

Is a reasonable compromise

Can't answer as I wasn't present!

ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATION

4. Who else should the co-chairs have met with and when?

11 responses

None come to mind

Staff from SFUSD or DCYF for a student/youth-centered perspective?

Thank you! I cannot think of others.

All key.players were procedurally approached

I think the list of who the co-chairs met with is good. I think more to consider in terms of when and frequency. Would suggest meeting with Mayor's Office Staff earlier/multiple times.

HSA

Unsure

The People's Budget and the Coalition for an alternative perspective.

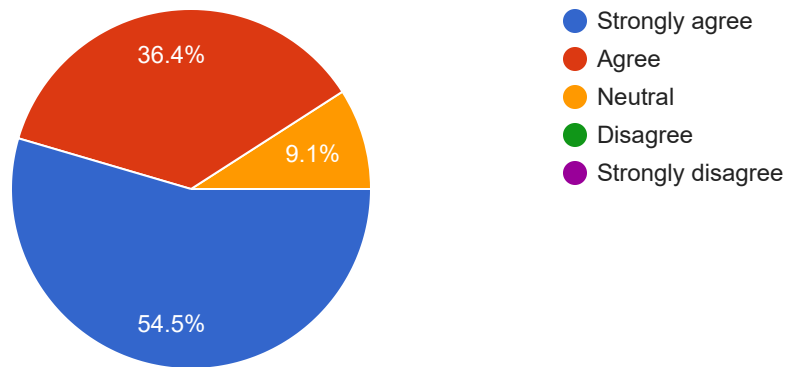
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5. The committee was kept appropriately informed about communications with the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's Office, and other key stakeholders throughout the budget recommendation process.

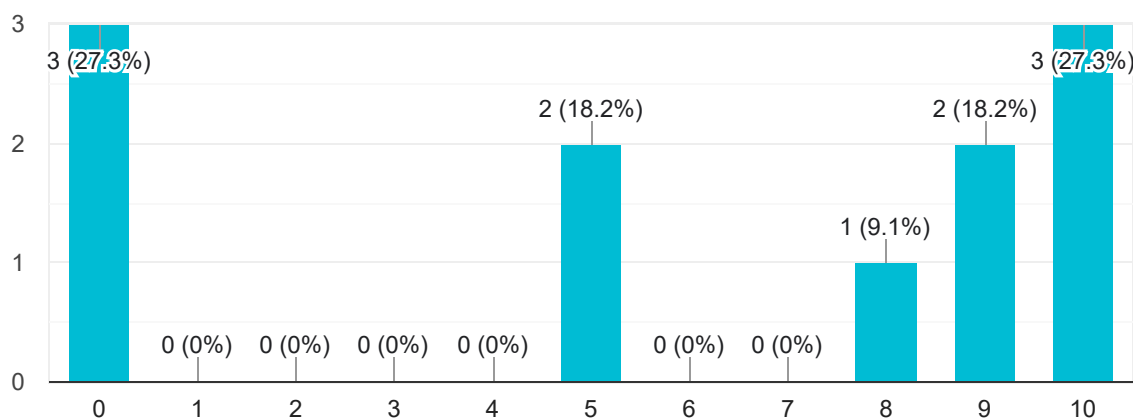
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CONFIDENCE & CLARITY

6. How prepared did you feel to make recommendations for programs and budget amounts? (If you did not participate in recommendations for FY 26-27, choose 0)

11 responses



7. What additional information or support would have increased your preparedness?

6 responses

Greater access to state or federal data points

We could always consider building some kind of reference sheet to help review/guide discussion, but this takes time/bandwidth.

N/A

having more community members speak at meetings about what's happen in community.

More detail about food security taskforce

Can't answer as I wasn't present!

WHAT WORKED & WHAT DID NOT

8. Which parts of this year's recommendation process worked well?

8 responses

I thought it went well overall no specifics.

The co-chairs meeting with each of the subcommittees. I remember Abby was very helpful and thorough with explaining the recommendations to me!

It was beneficial to change the way we thought about the categories. The discussion resulted in three categories if I remember correctly. I think that was a thoughtful decision.

The overall cooperation by all members involved

I think it was good/important to align with concrete community-based data to help make the argument for the budget recommendations.

N/A

The strategic planning process helped with our recommendations

Can't answer as I wasn't present!

9. Which parts of the budget recommendations process did not work well or created challenges?

7 responses

No feedback for this matter

I thought it went well.

Meeting all components at once

One thing that I feel is always a challenge is how to be transparent and consider the success/challenges of previous budget years when building/recommending a future budget. This is where getting more info from HSA and other partners is important.

N/A

it was good. I think we will continue to improve.

Can't answer as I wasn't present!

STRATEGIES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

10. What strategies or changes should SDDTAC consider for improving FY 27–28 budget recommendation process? i.e. Do you have specific recommendations for tools, communication approaches, or timeline adjustments for FY 27–28?

11 responses

None

Since meetings will be in-person now, I think it would be helpful to do an activity in the beginning of the budget recommendation process like how we did for the implementation plan at the May meeting.

I value the input from committee members.

Adjusting coordinate meetings

I think that it may be worthwhile to consider how we can efficiently represent/consider how we feel previous budgets have worked in achieving the SDDTAC goals while making decisions. This is where some kind of concrete assessment of previous budget year(s) is helpful as well as understanding the current landscape on health outcomes/needs. I would think about this as follows: current health landscape -> review/assessment of previous programming effectiveness + make adjustments/decisions on recommendations. Then could build a clear concise document on why the recommendations are being made. I think the strategy work has been very detailed, but need to have clear + concise communications to decisionmakers.

Present at partner meetings for feedback.

Consider evidence based recommendations with a stronger qualitative component

Not sure but will continue to think about it and present my ideas at meetings. Good work Co-Chairs!!!

I thought the last process was efficient and extremely organized.

Discuss a special and doubled tax

Can't answer as I wasn't present!

Thank you for sharing your feedback. Your input is essential in helping strengthen and refine the SDDTAC budget recommendation process. We value your time, your perspective, and your commitment to ensuring that SDDT resources are allocated thoughtfully and effectively.

If you have additional comments or ideas that were not covered in this survey, please feel free to reach out to staff. We look forward to applying your insights as we prepare for the FY 27–28 budget cycle.

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