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Hello Chair Chan, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Supervisor Melgar,
The Youth Commission is submitting a list of questions for the hearing tomorrow titled Grant Funds Placed on Mayoral Reserve. Please see attached for the document, and I've also dropped off a physical copy to every committee member's office.
Youth Commission Chair Fong and the Commission hope that through the hearing, we can get a better sense of how these funds will impact DCYF and all the various youth programs.
Thank you.

Warmly,

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[Hearing - Grant Funds Placed on Mayoral Reserve]

Chan – Hearing on the Mayor's instructions to department heads to place funding for community based organizations in the approved City budget for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 that were restored to departments through the Board of Supervisors spending plan on reserve, in order to understand the criteria used for exceptions and the departments and programs that received spending releases; and requesting the Mayor's Budget Office, the affected departments, and the People's Budget Coalition to report.

Questions

1. What specific criteria were used to determine which departments or programs were granted spending releases from the reserved funds?
2. Were community impact assessments part of the criteria when deciding which programs could access funds, and if not, why?
3. Can you provide a timeline for when CBOs, particularly those affected by the freeze, can expect their funds to be released and then redistributed via DCYF?
4. Can we expect DCYF to receive the exact amount that was outlined in the restorations?
5. How are we going to support key nonprofits that have to shut down operations because of the spending freeze?
6. What steps are being taken to ensure that departments that have received spending releases are held accountable for effectively utilizing those funds?
7. What are we going to do differently moving forward to ensure that this situation doesn't repeat itself in future budget cycles, especially for organizations that provide vital services for youth?