

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: May 20, 2020

TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services and Department on Aging
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SUBJECT: **Report from the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services/Department on Aging, requesting authorization to enter into a 2020 purchase of service contract with Eras Senior Network to provide Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) Services to older adults**

Background

Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) services provided through the Milwaukee County Department on Aging (Aging) are funded by the federal Older Americans Act (OAA), State Basic County Allocation, and Senior Community Service Program. Through Eras, volunteers provide rides to older adults so they can get to medical appointments, grocery stores, and food pantries. During the COVID-19 crisis, Eras also launched and expanded a wellness call program that has reached over 1,000 seniors in Milwaukee County as well as increased a grocery delivery program for seniors.

In 2019, the Department on Aging first contracted with Eras Senior Network in the amount of \$271,232 to operate the Neighborhood Outreach Program (approved under Resolution File No. 18-897). And for 2020, the Department on Aging entered into a six-month contract starting January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in an amount of \$135,616 to continue services with Eras (Resolution File No. 19-866). A six-month contract was initially established to allow Eras to secure additional funding through private grant sources that enable the Neighborhood Outreach Program to be fully implemented. Based upon satisfactory performance by the vendor, DHHS and MCDA are recommending a six-month contract amount of \$165,615. The aggregate value of this contract is \$572,463 and therefore requires County Board approval per Wis. Stat. 59.52(31)(c).

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging also recommended an annual 2020 contract award with Eras at its November 9, 2019 meeting.

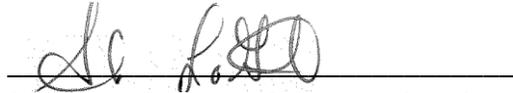
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services/Department on Aging, or her designee, to enter into the

purchase of service contract totaling \$165,615 for the period effective July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 with Eras Senior Network.

Fiscal Effect

Funding for this contract is included in the 2020 Adopted Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



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