



# Milwaukee County

## Department on Aging



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### County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication

**DATE:** April 19, 2018

**TO:** Sup. Theodore Lipscomb, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit

**FROM:** Holly Davis, Executive Director, Department on Aging

**RE:** From Executive Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to increase by \$55,000 the 2018 contract with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. for Legal and Benefit Specialist Services.

I respectfully request that this report and attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Finance and Audit at its regularly scheduled meeting in May 2018.

The attached resolution authorizes the Director, Department on Aging, to increase by \$55,000.00 from \$348,562.00 to \$403,562.00, the 2018 contract with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. for Legal and Benefit Specialist Services.

The Department awards funds to provider agencies based on allowable costs, availability of federal, state and local funds, anticipated usage by older persons, and changing service needs. When additional funds become available, the Department seeks to use such funds to expand services and/or reimburse the provider for services rendered.

Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., and the Social Development Commission collaborated to receive a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and such grant was funded by the Federal Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA). The grant provides funds for outreach activities that are designed to inform seniors about the range of Medicare and Medicaid related prescription drug programs available. The grant also provides money for outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness for these same populations. Additionally, the State has made available additional State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) monies to the counties. This money is traditionally

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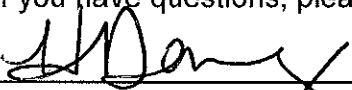
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used to fund the Legal/Benefit Specialist program, as well.

The MIPPA and SHIP grants include additional money to fund services provided by Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., through the Department on Aging's Benefit Specialist/Legal Services program. As such, I respectfully request to amend their contract accordingly.

If you have questions, please contact me at 289-6876.



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Attachments