

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute non-professional service contracts with a network of caterers supporting the Senior Nutrition Programs from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 at a cost of \$2,862,754

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute non-professional service contracts with caterers that prepare meals for Milwaukee County’s senior centers, the Dine-Out program, and the case-management and home delivered meals program, better known as “Meals on Wheels”.

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these nonprofessional service contracts.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

The Older American’s Act Title III-C supports nutrition services for older adults. Services supported must include nutrition provided in both congregated dining settings, and through home delivered meals programs, known widely as “Meals on Wheels.”

Milwaukee County works with a variety of caterers that, under the supervision of a staff Registered Dietician, prepare meals that are planned with the nutritional needs of older adults in mind.

The Senior Dining Program has three different programs:

**1. Congregate dining within the network of Senior Centers**

Congregate sites are distributed throughout Milwaukee County, many hosted by Senior Centers and community partners.

**2. Case-management, and Home Delivered Meals, aka “Meals on Wheels”**

This service brings lunches daily to home-bound older adults who are at nutritional risk and combines it with a check-in from the driver.

**3. Dine-Out**

The Dine-Out Program is a partnership with a network of minority-owned restaurants which host a meal once a week within their restaurant.

There are two large-scale caterers that prepare the majority of meals for senior centers and Meals on Wheels each of which serves a geographic “zone” of diners: Compass Group USA, Inc. and D&S Food Services, Inc.

**Congregate Dining and Meals on Wheels**

Per meal costs for each caterer:

<b>Caterer</b>	<b>Price per meal</b>	<b>Meal location</b>
Anmol LLC	\$7.25	Muslim Community and Health Center
Compass Group USA, Inc.	\$5.79	Zone 2
D&S Food Services, Inc.	\$5.89	Zone 1
JJ Halal	\$8.01	Muslim Community and Health Center
Jimbo’s Lodge Catering, LLC	\$6.50	Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46

**Dine-Out Project**

Per meal price for restaurant caterers participating in the Dine-Out Program:

<b>Caterer</b>	<b>Price per meal</b>
Antigua-Latin Inspired Kitchen	\$8.00
Daddy’s Soul Food & Grille Inc	\$8.00
Leva Enterprises LLC/Orenda Café	\$8.00
Rise and Grind	\$8.00
Ruby J’s	\$8.00

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item is aligned to the strategic plan as it focuses on increasing the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses and investing “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute non-professional service

contracts for a total cost not to exceed \$2,862,754 from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, to provide meal services to Milwaukee County's older adult residents.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

These contracts will be funded by Title III-C of the Older Americans Act, participant contributions and other revenues.

**TERMS**

These contracts are effective starting January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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