

County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

DATE: November 26, 2014

TO: Sup. Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stephanie Sue Stein, Director, Department on Aging

RE: Informational report on 2015 program and service contracts between \$100,000 and \$299,999

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging purchases an array of supportive services and community programs designed to sustain the independence and well-being of Milwaukee County seniors. The Department contracts with non-profit and for-profit vendors to provide those services. Among twenty-six programs or services administered through the Department, three programs have funding between \$100,000 and \$299,999 for 2015. The remaining programs include six with funding at or above \$300,000 and seventeen with funding below \$100,000.

Service providers for the three programs budgeted between \$100,000 and \$299,999 in 2015 were recommended by the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging through an open and competitive request for proposals (RFP). The three programs and service providers include the following:

- (1) Nutrition Site Supervision Services (11 sites) funded at \$220,000 and provided by Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin;
- (2) Nutrition Site Supervision Services (8 sites) funded at \$160,000 and provided by Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc.; and
- (3) Coordination of Neighborhood Services funded at \$271,232 and provided by Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc.

The nutrition site supervision programs involve the administration of 19 of 27 congregate meal sites within the Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program. Congregate meals served at the five county-owned senior centers are among those administered by Interfaith. The nutritious meals offered at each site are delivered by caterers under separate contracts with Milwaukee County. Site supervisors oversee the scheduling and serving of meals and arrange programs of interest to meal participants. In addition to offering nutritious mid-day meals, the congregate sites serve as a gathering place designed to reduce isolation, enhance social contacts, offer educational and cultural programming, provide linkages to community resources, and foster connections between seniors and the community at-large.

The neighborhood services coordination program performs outreach and services from fifteen sites throughout Milwaukee County. The service provider coordinates the outreach and supportive services provided to older adults by neighborhood and community organizations, including religious congregations. Services include: identification of homebound, vulnerable older adults in need of supportive services; determination of those service needs; direct provision of services or information and referral to appropriate community agencies; and follow-up to see if services have been provided. As appropriate, services are provided on an informal basis, with volunteers playing a key role in service delivery.

The nutrition site supervision programs are funded through allocations from the Older Americans Act. The neighborhood outreach program is fund through a combination of Older Americans Act, Base County Allocation (BCA), Senior Community Services Program (SCSP), and County Tax Levy. All funds are included in the 2015 Adopted Budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 2-6876.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Stein', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Stephanie Sue Stein, Director
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