

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2022

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 retroactively amend a 2022 purchase of service contract with Milwaukee Christian Center from \$250,000 to \$286,211 for oversight of multiple meal sites in the Milwaukee County Senior Dining Program

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to retroactively amend the 2022 purchase of service contract with Milwaukee Christian Center from \$250,000 to \$286,211 for oversight of multiple meal sites within the Milwaukee County Senior Nutrition Program.

POLICY

The Director of DHHS is requesting authorization to execute this purchase of service contract pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(31).

BACKGROUND

The Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program began in 1972 and is administered through the Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging. The nutrition program is funded with federal Older Americans Act funds, participant contributions, and other revenues. The purpose of the program is to sustain the independence and well-being of seniors by preventing costly health problems related to nutrition and social isolation. Nutrition is a key aspect of the comprehensive network of services provided by the Area Agency on Aging for Milwaukee County's older adults.

The original 2022 contract was funded by file 21-1029, which was passed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2021. The 12 sites managed through this grant by the Milwaukee Christian Center are crucial to the goal of the Senior Dining Program to provide nutritious, delicious meals at locations accessible to diners throughout Milwaukee County. So far in 2022, these meal sites have served over 60,000 meals to 1,464 older adult residents of Milwaukee County. The older adults who attend

the meal sites are racially diverse: 69.3% White, 25.9% Black, 2.4% White-Hispanic and 1.2% American Indian or Native American. The older adult population of Milwaukee County is much more likely to be White than the population overall, and this distribution closely matches the racial distribution of older adult residents in Milwaukee County¹.

In 2021, DHHS requested the County Board amend all meal site management contracts and increase them by an additional \$5,000 per meal site with funding supported by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 under File 21-502. This funding supported the additional costs associated with maintaining service during the pandemic. Although other nutrition vendors were able to spend this funding before the end of 2021, Milwaukee Christian Center requested that a portion of the funding be made available to cover additional expenditures in 2022.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is aligned to the goals in the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan as this contract focuses on delivering services based on the resolution of health disparities. It places participants and community at the center by offering collocated services in a manner that promotes dignity and builds trust between individuals and the County.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to retroactively amend the 2022 purchase of service contract with Milwaukee Christian Center by \$36,211, from \$250,000 to \$286,211, for oversight of multiple meal sites in the Milwaukee County Senior Dining Program.

FISCAL EFFECT

This contract amendment is funded by Older Americans Act funds as provided through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law No: 117-2).

TERMS

This contract is retroactive to January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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¹ U.S. Census Bureau, Census County Characteristics Resident Population Estimates 2019, as printed in the [2022-24 Aging Plan \(milwaukee.gov\)](#)

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