

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

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

From: Shakita LaGrant, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A request from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute a retroactive professional services contract with United Community Center as a Fatherhood FIRE grant partner within Child Support Services

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Child Support Services (CSS) was awarded a \$4,999,995 contract for five years (\$999,999 per year) to provide Milwaukee Fatherhood (MF) FIRE Project Services for 2020-2025. Child Support requires the assistance of multiple non-profit partners to provide these services. This contract was approved by the County Board on 12/10/20. An amendment to that contract was executed to add UCC as a non-profit partner to provide these services from 4/1/2023-9/29/23 in the amount of \$75,000. A subsequent contract was executed with UCC for 9/30/23-6/30/24 in the amount of \$99,000 and an amendment to that contract was executed for and additional \$21,625 for the remainder of Grant Year 4, 7/1/24-9/29/24.

Child Support Services is requesting to contract with United Community Center (UCC) retroactive to 9/30/24-9/29/25 in the amount of \$120,625. The request for this contract brings the aggregate total for UCC to \$316,250.

Due to the way the grant year falls, UCC has started to provide services for Year 5 of this contract, before the contract has been approved by the County Board. DHHS is requesting the County Board waive Section 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances that require a contract to be approved prior to services provided in order to ensure the continuity of services for workshop classes that span grant Years 4 and 5.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis. Stats. 59.52 (31)(c)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	Chapter 56

BACKGROUND

Related File No's:	File No. 20-873 and File No. 24-656
Previous Action Date(s):	12/10/20 and 7/25/2024

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Milwaukee County CSS contracted to work with UCC, to provide intake, healthy relationship, responsible parenting, and economic stability curriculum, job training and placement, and other services. These services and job skills will help fathers in Milwaukee to be more engaged parents, work to support families and children, and help participants fulfill their obligations of child support.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department has budgeted \$30,156 for this contract in 2024 and \$90,469 in 2025 and the costs of the contract are fully funded by the grant.

TERMS

9/30/24-9/29/25

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Shakita LaGrant, Executive Director, DHHS

ATTACHMENTS:

Professional Services Agreement between UCC and CSS

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