

-COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE-
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : May 23, 2014

TO : Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors

FROM : Josh Fudge, Director, DAS-PSB

SUBJECT : Request to create 1.0 FTE Dementia Care Specialist (Pay Range 29M; Title Code TBD).

REQUEST

The Department on Aging is requesting to create 1.0 FTE Dementia Care Specialist within the Aging Resource Center.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Department on Aging has been awarded a grant to fund and expand the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program. This program involves supporting individuals with dementia, developing dementia-capable systems within the ARC, and fostering a dementia-friendly community. The creation of 1.0 FTE Dementia Care Specialist is being requested to lead this program. The position will provide consultation and assistance to the Aging Resource Center and to others who interact with people experiencing cognitive changes or have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. The DCS will refer individuals to physicians and health care systems in the area and provide culturally competent services to support individuals with dementia and their families. The \$53,335 awarded in 2014 includes all salary, social security, and benefit costs for the DCS position as well as other supplies needed for the program. Another \$80,000 has been awarded to the Department on Aging for this program in 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Administrative Services, Fiscal Affairs recommends that the request to create 1.0 FTE Dementia Care Specialist within the Department on Aging be approved. It is further recommended that this position be abolished if the grant funding is terminated.

FISCAL NOTE

Assuming the position is filled at the first step of pay range 29M with 13 pay periods remaining in 2014, the current year fiscal impact is a cost of \$40,338 (including salary, social security, and benefits costs). These costs are covered by grant revenue; there is no tax levy impact.

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