

**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 2025 contracts for Aging and Disabilities Services

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**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute contracts with vendors to support programming within Aging and Disabilities Services.

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes and Milwaukee County General Ordinances, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these purchase of service contracts.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.52(31)
Milwaukee County General Ordinances	Ch. 32.40

**BACKGROUND**

Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS) serves individuals with disabilities and older adults, ages 18 through the end of their life span. Our primary goal is to serve people across the lifespan with care that promotes the dignity of individuals regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic status, etc. Programs are operated under one umbrella and primarily include Adult Protective Services, recreation for persons with disabilities, a combined Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), caregiver support, transportation services, senior center operations, case management, respite, and employment services. These services enable people to live in the community as independently as possible and avoid expensive institutional placements.

***Interim Disability Assistance Program (IDAP)***

IDAP provides financial assistance to individuals with disabilities while their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application is pending with the Social Security Administration. For 2025, ADS is recommending a contract with Community Advocates to assist individuals applying for or currently receiving IDAP. A separate allocation of \$205,000 is budgeted for financial payments to eligible individuals. As of October 2024, there were 43 active cases of individuals receiving assistance through IDAP.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2024 Contract</b>	<b>2025 Proposed Contract</b>	<b>2025/2024 Variance</b>
IDAP	Community Advocates, Inc.	\$91,120	\$91,120	\$0

***Employment Initiative***

The Employment Initiative serves a population of individuals ages 14 to 30 with a disability or who are justice involved youth. The Employment Initiative aims to support individuals and their families in becoming educated about employment options, build capacity in the workforce, improve soft skills as well as industry recognized skills needed for employment, and support individuals in securing and maintaining employment.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2024 Contract</b>	<b>2025 Proposed Contract</b>	<b>2025/2024 Variance</b>
Employment Initiative	Broadscope	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

These contracts align with the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan by providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to maximize independence as well as foster an inclusive and diverse community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute purchase of service contracts for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 and in a total amount of \$241,120 for the services and with the vendors identified in the accompanying resolution.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

A total of \$241,120 is included in the DHHS 2025 Budget for these contracts. A fiscal note form is attached.

**TERMS**

These contracts are effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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None

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