

**County of Milwaukee**  
Interoffice Communication

DATE: December 5, 2019

TO: Sup. Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Jo Meyers, Interim Director, Department on Aging

RE: Request for authorization to execute the 2020 State and County Contract Covering Social Services and Community Programs – Aging Programs between Milwaukee County and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and to accept the federal and state revenues thereunder

Section 46.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the state Department of Health Services for “Social Services and Community Programs.” Funds provided under the state/county contract include most of the revenue in the Department on Aging’s 2020 Adopted Budget. These funds pay for services provided to older adults by the Department on Aging and that are purchased by the Department from nonprofit and for-profit service providers. These funds do require a local matching share that is provided, in part, through the County Tax Levy allocated to the Department on Aging in the 2020 Adopted Budget. As in previous years, contract agencies will be required to provide the remainder of the local match.

County ordinances require that Departments obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts. The Interim Director, Department on Aging, is therefore requesting authorization to sign a 2020 contract with the State for the provision of social services mandated by state law. The County cannot receive 2020 revenues from the State until this contract is signed.

Background on Earmarked Revenue Sources

The 2020 Social Services and Community Programs contract for the Department on Aging provides a 2020 allocation totaling \$9,575,184 that is earmarked for specific programs as follows:

APS – Adult Protective Services - \$639,503  
 Alzheimer’s Family Support - \$454,629  
 Basic County Allocation - \$2,613,580  
 Title IIIB Supportive Services - \$966,024  
 Title IIIC-1 Congregate Meal Program - \$2,616,958  
 Title IIIC-2 Home Delivered Meal Program - \$761,455  
 Title IIID Preventive Health - \$86,974  
 Title IIIE Family Caregiving Support - \$483,476  
 AAA Administration - \$305,901  
 Domestic Abuse Later Life - \$15,462  
 EBS Benefit Specialist Services - \$136,284  
 Senior Community Services Program - \$62,617  
 Elder Abuse Services - \$432,321

## Background on Basic County Allocation (BCA)

The Basic County Allocation (BCA) is a block grant provided to counties that is not earmarked for specific services. Counties can determine how much funding to provide to each service.

The Department on Aging 2020 budgeted revenues closely mirror the 2020 State/County grant Award. The Department on Aging budgeted for an anticipated annual BCA allocation and County match of \$2,615,846 in its 2020 budget. Of the \$2,615,846 amount, \$734,438 is designated for Area Agency on Aging services, \$376,486 is designated for nutrition services, \$557,863 is designated for Aging Resource Center services, and \$947,059 is designated for Adult Protective Services.

The state Award provides only six months of funding for BCA and required county match. It is anticipated that a reduction of \$14,591 in various revenues will be absorbed within the Department's budget and that this decrease will have no impact on operations.

I respectfully request that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Director, Department on Aging, to execute the 2020 Social Services – Community Programs – Aging Programs contract from the State Department of Health Services, and any addenda to this contract, in order for the County to obtain State revenue. The 2020 Social Services and Community Programs – Aging Programs contract provides total revenue of \$9,575,184.

If you have any questions, please call me at 289-6481.



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Attachments