

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 13, 2025

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

From: Chantell Jewell, Superintendent, Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center (CRC)

Subject: The Superintendent of the Community Reintegration Center (CRC) respectfully requests approval to enter into a three-year Professional Service Agreement with the Benedict Center, Inc. Under this agreement, the Benedict Center will deliver gender-responsive, trauma-informed support services to female residents of the CRC. The purpose of this program is to reduce recidivism among women and improve outcomes as they transition back into the community. The initial contract term will run from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028. The agreement also includes the option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, contingent upon mutual agreement and satisfactory performance.

File Type: Action Report

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	MCCO 56.30
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BACKGROUND

The current agreement with the Benedict Center, Inc. for Case Management and Reentry Project services is operating on a month-to-month basis and is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025, or upon the award of a new contract, whichever occurs first.

To ensure continuity of services, the Community Reintegration Center (CRC) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-011 on November 25, 2024, seeking qualified and experienced providers to deliver comprehensive, evidence-based, gender-responsive, and trauma-informed programming for women transitioning from the CRC into the community.

The RFP closed on January 31, 2025. After a thorough evaluation process, the Benedict Center, Inc. was determined to have fully met all criteria and requirements outlined in the solicitation. An award letter was issued to the Benedict Center, Inc. on April 28, 2025. The execution of this new contract is now pending Milwaukee County Board approval.

DETAILS OF THE NEW CONTRACT

The proposed 2025 Professional Service Agreement awards RFP #2024-011 to the Benedict Center, Inc. to continue providing essential reentry support to women returning from the CRC to the community. The contract period is from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, with the option for up to two (2) one-year extensions based on performance and funding availability.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent of the Community Reintegration Center respectfully requests the authority to enter into a contract with the Benedict Center, Inc. for the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, with the possibility of two (2) additional one-year extensions.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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