

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: November 13, 2020

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

FROM: Jon Janowski, Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging

SUBJECT: **Report from the Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to retroactively amend the 2020 group transportation contract with the United Community Center**

Background

Milwaukee County contracts with the United Community Center to transport older adults with mobility issues to the nutrition and senior center programs provided by the United Community Center (UCC). A 2020 contract with UCC was approved by the County Board last December (File No. 19-952). Services include assisting passengers in boarding and departing vehicles, helping passengers with seatbelts and escorting them to and from the vehicle.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, group transportation ceased. While rides have been stopped to encourage seniors to remain sheltering safely at home, UCC stepped in to deliver meals to seniors' homes instead of bringing seniors to the center. An average of 100 meals a day, five days a week have been delivered by UCC drivers to customers during the pandemic.

Program Budget

The Department awards funds to provider agencies based on allowable costs, availability of federal, state and local funds, anticipated usage by older persons, and changing service needs. When additional funds become available, the Department seeks to apply such funds to expand services and/or reimburse the provider for services rendered. The additional funds would enable the Department to fully reimburse UCC for services that exceeded the 2020 budget amount.

Racial Equity Impact

Using year-to-date data from the program, clients of this service were 93 percent of Latino or Hispanic ethnicity. The racial distribution of the program clientele are 94 percent White and 6 percent Black. The partnership with the United Community Center is a cornerstone of the services provided by Milwaukee County to Latino seniors.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Executive Director of the Department on Aging to retroactively amend the contract for group transportation for a total increase of \$50,000, from \$129,000 to \$179,000, for the time period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Provider	2020 Contract	2020 Proposed Amendment	2020 Adjusted Contract
United Community Center	\$129,000	\$50,000	\$179,000

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this contract amendment is being provided by the Department on Aging’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding allocation.

A fiscal note form is attached.

If you have questions, please contact me at 414-379-3569.



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