

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 12, 2021

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 retroactively amend the 2021 purchase of service contract with Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin from \$1,242,903 to \$1,367,903 to provide case management and home-delivered meal services to older adults

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute a contract amendment with Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin to retroactively increase the 2021 purchase of service contract from \$1,242,903 to \$1,367,903.

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of DHHS is requesting authorization to execute these purchase of service contracts.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

The Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program began in 1972 and is administered through the Milwaukee County DHHS-Division on Aging (MCDA). The nutrition program is funded with federal Older Americans Act funds, participant contributions, and other revenues. The purpose of the program is to sustain the independence and well-being of seniors by preventing costly health problems related to nutrition and social isolation. Nutrition is a key aspect of the comprehensive network of services provided by MCDA for Milwaukee County's older adults.

The Meals on Wheels Program operated by Goodwill delivers meals to older adult residents of Milwaukee County who are 60 and older, homebound, and unable to prepare their own meals. Hot lunches are delivered Monday through Friday. This program is distinct from the delivery of meals to seniors who are unable to reach the congregate

meal sites as a result of the continued COVID-19 pandemic.

Goodwill will likely spend down its full contract amount of \$1,242,903 in early November, and this increased amount will support their continued services through the end of 2021.

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item is aligned to the goals in the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan as this contract focuses on delivering services based on the resolution of health disparities and investing “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities.

### **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 a contract amendment with Goodwill Industries for \$125,000 which would increase the existing contract of \$1,242,903 to \$1,367,903.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

Funding for this service has been included in the DHHS Division on Aging’s 2021 Budget. This program is supported by funding from the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

### **TERMS**

This contract is effective starting January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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None

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