

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2023 purchase of service contract with Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin for programming at the five Milwaukee County-owned senior centers by \$100,000 from \$892,867 to \$992,867, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved File No. 22-1110 on December 15, 2022, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to execute purchase of service contracts with a variety of vendors in Milwaukee County (the County), that provide services including meal site supervision, financial navigation, support for family caregivers, and for Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin (Serving Older Adults) to oversee social programming at the five County-owned senior centers; and

WHEREAS, isolation and loneliness are recognized issues in the older adult population, which were exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease pandemic, and many service providers and opportunities for social interaction moved to an increasingly online format; and

WHEREAS, Serving Older Adults staff based in the five County-owned senior centers have geographic bases throughout the County, and a network of staff and clientele that is racially diverse, and programming in place to extend technology education beyond the senior centers directly; and

WHEREAS, the current County Aging Plan includes a goal to provide "technology education and support as a required component of socialization programming"; and

WHEREAS, this contract amendment is funded by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services American Rescue Plan Act - Older Americans Act, and the required local match is authorized under adopted File No. 22-905; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-420 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute an amendment to the 2023 Purchase of Service contract, which will increase the contract with Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin by \$100,000, from \$892,867 to \$992,867, for the period beginning January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in order to leverage American Rescue Plan Act funding to support TechConnect programming.

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