

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 21, 2023

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 (DHHS), requesting authorization to amend the 2023 purchase of service contract with Life Navigators by \$25,000

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to amend the 2023 purchase of service contract with Life Navigators by \$25,000, from \$30,150 to \$55,150.

POLICY

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

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

The Older Americans Act includes titles that focus on nutrition, socialization, evidence-based health programming, and caregiver support. Title III-E of the Older Americans Act, and of the American Rescue Plan Act is focused on supporting caregivers, primarily supporting unpaid caregivers who are supporting family members.

The Commission on Aging voted to support the increase to this contract by leveraging ARPA funds at the October 2022 meeting. This is in keeping with the recognition expressed in the 2022-24 Milwaukee County Aging Plan that indicates that, “as the population ages, the need for and reliance upon... caregiver supports, and home and community-based services will increase.” ¹

The original 2023 contract with Life Navigators was approved under File 22-1110, which

¹ 2022-24 Aging Plan (2021). Milwaukee County Commission on Aging. Milwaukee County DHHS Aging and Disabilities Services. <https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/departments-on-aging/PDF/MCAreaAgingPlanFinal.pdf>

was passed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2022. With this increase in funding, Life Navigators will be able to meet more of the demonstrated need for intensive case management services in addition to expanding the social and educational supports for older adult caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, primarily adult children. This funding will also be used to support additional community outreach towards traditionally underserved populations, and to translate materials into Spanish and other requested languages.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is aligned to the goals in the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan as this contract focuses on investing upstream to address root causes of health disparities (3A), and dismantling barriers to diverse and inclusive communities (3C).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to amend the 2023 purchase of service contract

FISCAL EFFECT

This program is supported by federal funding from the Older Americans Act Title III-E allocation within the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 with match funding authorized under File 22-905. Please see attached fiscal note.

TERMS

This contract is effective starting January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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