

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 23, 2023

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

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend 2023 non-professional service contracts by \$125,000, for a total of \$3,210,100, for the Senior Congregate Dining Program

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to amend non-professional service contracts with caterers that prepare delicious, nutritious meals for the Senior Dining Program.

POLICY

Title III of the federal Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. § 3021 et al.) provides for grants to state agencies and area agencies on aging to develop greater capacity and foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to serve older adults. The passage of federal ARPA legislation in March 2021 included additional Older Americans Act funding to flow through state agencies to Area Agencies on Aging, such as the Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging. These funds are being allocated to Milwaukee County through a contract with the State Department of Health Services. The contract received has a term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. On February 3, 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed File 22-144 which authorized DHHS to enter into this contract with the State of Wisconsin and to accept \$2,051,430 in Older Americans Act funds as provided through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law No: 117-2).

Wis. Stat. §46.80 covers services for older adults in the State of Wisconsin. Milwaukee County Ordinance Ch. 53 relates to responsibilities for the Commission on Aging and Ch. 56 covers County Board approval of federal and state funding requiring a match.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis. Stat. §46.80, §59.60(9)(a)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	Ch. 53, Ch. 56.06
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	

Specific Adopted Capital Project:	
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BACKGROUND

The Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program began in 1972 and is administered through Milwaukee County DHHS Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS). 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 part of a comprehensive network of aging services provided by ADS for a growing population of older adults. The intent of the nutrition program is to reduce hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, promote socialization, and promote the health and well-being of older adults through access to nutrition and nutrition related disease prevention and health promotion services.

Projections on catering spending based on first quarter demand indicate that these programs will require increased funding to maintain meal provision to over 5,000 older adults who are served by the senior nutrition program each year. Insufficient funding was allotted originally in part because the second ARPA contract between the State Department of Health Services for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 had not yet been signed at the time of drafting the original budget for caterers.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is aligned to Milwaukee County's strategic plan (Create Intentional Inclusion strategic area), the DHHS strategic plan, and the 2022-2024 Area Plan that was approved by the County Board of Supervisors which addresses senior nutrition as a focus area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to amend 2023 non-professional service contracts by \$125,000, for a total of \$3,210,100, with caterers that support the Senior Congregate Dining Program.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

These contracts are effective from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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