

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 increase by \$110,000 a 2020 purchase of service contract for case management and home-delivered meals with Goodwill Industries of Southeastern WI, Inc., from \$1,162,903 to \$1,272,903**

Background

Milwaukee County provides home delivered meals to homebound older adults, as a part of the nutrition programs mandated by the Older Americans Act. Additional funding of \$110,000 would enable Aging to fully reimburse Goodwill for services that exceeded the 2020 budget amount.

Also known as “meals on wheels,” this program delivers hot lunches Mondays through Fridays to adult residents of Milwaukee County who are 60 and over, homebound, and unable to prepare their own meals. Enrollment in this program slightly increased during 2020, but not necessarily as a direct result of COVID; as the congregate meal sites have also been delivering meals to seniors in their homes to allow them to remain shelter at home.

Program Budget

Aging 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, Aging seeks to use such funds to expand services and/or reimburse the provider for services rendered. The additional funds would enable Aging to fully reimburse Goodwill for costs (particularly driver’s wages) that exceeded the 2020 budget amount.

Racial Equity Impact

This program serves a population that has a very similar racial distribution to the population of Milwaukee County. Using year-to-date September 2020 data from Goodwill, participants of this program are 63 percent White non-Hispanic and 31 percent Black or African American. This racial makeup very closely parallels the 64 percent White and 27 percent Black or African American racial distribution of Milwaukee County residents.¹ In alignment with the County's strategic plan, Aging will continue to focus its outreach efforts on feeding the most underserved and impoverished older adults in our community.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Executive Director of the Department on Aging to retroactively increase the contract for home delivered meals to homebound older adults for a total increase of \$110,000 for the time period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Provider	2020 Contract	2020 Proposed Amendment	2020 Adjusted Contract
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern WI, Inc.	\$1,162,903	\$110,000	\$1,272,903

Fiscal Impact

Funding for the contract amendment will have no direct impact on the County and will not require additional tax levy. Sufficient funds have been allocated to the Department on Aging in 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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¹ U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts (July, 2019). Retrieved from [census.gov/quickfacts/milwaukeecountywisconsin](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/milwaukeecountywisconsin)

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