

MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Inter-Office Memorandum

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

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend the 2021 purchase of service contract for meal programming and socialization activities at the United Community Center**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting authorization to amend a 2021 purchase of service contract with the United Community Center to maintain a senior center, host programming, provide meals and coordinate additional socialization services.

Background and Rationale

The recommended contract allocation will allow the DHHS - Division on Aging to increase funding available for UCC's contract at a level that is consistent with the amount of funding budgeted for these services within the 2021 Adopted Budget.

Milwaukee County has contracted with the United Community Center for over 30 years to provide these services. The Commission on Aging recommended a funding amount of \$264,189 for these services at their November 13, 2020 meeting.

The amount recommended by DHHS and approved by the County Board at its meeting in December was \$206,189 (File No. 20-888). This amount should have been \$264,189. Therefore, an amendment in the amount of \$58,000 as shown in the table below is required to fully fund this contract for 2021.

		2021 Recommended Amendment	Adjusted 2021 Contract
Agency: United Community Center	2021 Contract		
Total	\$206,189	\$58,000	\$264,189

Senior Dining Sites

Senior dining sites serve as the locus for providing services to support elders and improve their quality of life; including providing nutritionally balanced meals for senior needs, opportunities for socialization, fitness, and recreational activities, and staff that help seniors meet their needs.

Senior centers provide nutritious weekday lunches to older adults who are registered senior diners and have continued to do so through the COVID pandemic. Since the emergency declaration in March 2020, congregate dining at the senior meal sites has been suspended and replaced with “take out” services where registered senior diners, or their proxies, can drive to the meal site and pick up their lunch in their vehicle. In addition, UCC provides a transportation service whereby diners’ meals are delivered to their residence under a separate contract. The majority of participants who receive a lunch through this congregate meal delivery service are people of color.

Socialization services have been slowed by the COVID pandemic, but online events, wellness calls and an increase of nutrition education communication sent with home delivered meals have increased in order to maintain the connection to seniors.

Racial Equity Impact

The majority of participants who receive a lunch through this congregate meal delivery service are people of color. This site in particular primarily serves elders of the Latino community, most of whom live in the City of Milwaukee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to amend this 2021 purchase of service contract with the United Community Center per the narrative above and in the amount specified in the accompanying resolution.

Fiscal Effect

Increasing the contract by \$58,000, from \$206,189 to \$264,189, has no negative fiscal impact as sufficient funding is provided in the 2021 Adopted Budget. These services are funded through available federal and state sources (Title III-B, Title III-C1 and SCSP). A fiscal note form is attached.



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