
Sponsor: Health and Wellness

Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

Title: Amendment to Single Source Agreement with Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County for Home Delivered Meals and Coordination Services

File Number: 2024-528

Background and Rationale:

Meals on Wheels of Ramsey County is a service provided by the Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County (Consortium). The Consortium is a nonprofit organization composed of eight member agencies that provide Meals on Wheels and other senior services in Ramsey County.

The Consortium is the only home-delivered meal provider that is Ramsey County-based and coordinated specifically to serve Ramsey County. In the city of St. Paul, four private social service agencies provide Meals on Wheels and other senior services within its own geographic area. In suburban Ramsey County, the four suburban school districts run Meals on Wheels and other senior services in their district service areas. Additionally, there is not a waitlist for services with the Consortium, unlike many nationwide partners have been facing.

The Consortium is also the only home-delivered meal provider in Ramsey County offering hot daily, cold daily, and frozen weekly meal choice throughout the entire geographic area of Ramsey County. All meals are heart healthy (lower fat and salt), diabetic friendly (carb balanced) and meet the federal Older Americans Act nutritional guidelines.

Ramsey County began funding the Consortium in 1975, to establish a centrally coordinated and accountable system for delivery of home-delivered meals and other services to older adults throughout Ramsey County. In 2023, 180,511 meals were served and estimates of 2024 demonstrate the increasing trajectory of need.

This amendment is to extend a previously approved single source through the year of 2025. This will include a slight increase in the budget for 2025, which is reflective of services, fee and food cost inflation and the need to meet a growing demand for meals.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve an amendment to the single source agreement with Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County, 1376 Hoyt Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55108 for home delivered meals and coordination services through December 31, 2025, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$496,125.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County
Board