

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES AND MGMC HOME HEALTH SERVICES TO TRANSFER FY 2016/17 ASSET FUNDS FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

BACKGROUND:

At the November 15, 2016, City Council meeting, the City Council referred to staff a request from Heartland Senior Services (HSS) to transfer funds from Mary Greeley Home Health Services' (MGMC) FY 2016/17 ASSET allocation to HSS for the Home-Delivered Meals program.

Both MGMC and HSS have provided home-delivered meals for the Ames and Story County area for several years. The City has funded the MGMC Home-Delivered Meals program, but ASSET funding for HSS's Home-Delivered Meals program has primarily come from Story County and United Way.

Earlier this year, MGMC and HSS reached an arrangement whereby HSS would take over the coordination of Home-Delivered Meals. HSS would receive the ASSET funds for the program, and would contract with MGMC to provide the meals. MGMC has the facilities and expertise to be able to prepare the meals in accordance with the required standards. HSS has experience in coordinating the individuals who deliver the meals. HSS has indicated that this combined approach will allow room for the program to grow, will be more efficient, and allows HSS's Outreach program to conduct daily assessments on the wellbeing of the individuals who receive the meals.

This transfer of funds will affect services provided from January 1 through June 30. Beyond the current fiscal year, MGMC's and HSS's FY 2017/18 ASSET budgets reflect the shift of funds to HSS to provide for the service. Both agencies are asking for the amounts allocated in the current FY 2016/17 allocations to be transitioned from MGMC to HSS. Of the \$13,500 in City funds contracted to MGMC for FY 2016/17, \$6,287.75 remains unclaimed. Similar requests have been made of Story County and United Way.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize staff to transfer the remaining balance in MGMC Home Health Services' FY 2016/17 Home-Delivered Meals ASSET funds to Heartland Senior Services. The contracted rate would remain the same as agreed to originally with MGMC Home Health Services.
2. Do not authorize a transfer of funds for this service.
3. Refer this request to staff for further information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This request is unusual in that it involves a shift in funds between two agencies in the middle of a fiscal year. However, it accomplishes one of the primary functions of ASSET, which is to encourage collaboration and partnership between human services agencies to provide services efficiently and improve the lives of those receiving the service.

Both MGMC and HSS view this new arrangement as a "win-win" situation. MGMC will focus its efforts on preparing nutritious meals, and Heartland will use its resources to coordinate deliveries and provide essential daily check-ins with its clients. This new arrangement provides room for expansion as the need for the service grows into the future.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby authorizing staff to transfer the remaining balance in MGMC Home Health Services' FY 2016/17 Home-Delivered Meals ASSET funds to Heartland Senior Services. The contracted rate would remain the same as agreed to originally with MGMC Home Health Services.

November 1, 2016

Brian Phillips
City of Ames
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Brian,

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Request: FY16/17 reassign \$6,750 in City of Ames ASSET funding currently designated to MGMC to HSS (funding from January 1 to June 30)

We are also submitting this same request to United Way (\$5,200) and Story County (\$10,000).

Thank you, Brian. If you have questions or need additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Carroll
Executive Director



HSS Mission: *Heartland Senior Services of Story County offers life-enriching opportunities for older adults and provides support for their families and caregivers.*



Mary Greeley

MEDICAL CENTER

Home Health Services

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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December 27, 2016

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