

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY FY 2020/21 ASSET CONTRACT WITH HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19

BACKGROUND:

Heartland Senior Services (HSS) is requesting the City to modify its FY 2020/21 ASSET contract allocation by redirecting \$25,134 from Congregate Meals to Home Delivered Meals. HSS closed the Congregate Meal site in Ames last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and doesn't anticipate reopening until fall 2021. In the meantime, HSS has seen a 60% increase in meals per day going from 125 meals to 200 meals. Many of the clients who typically attended the Congregate Meal site opted to receive Home Delivered Meals in order to maintain health and safety, yet still meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, HSS has exhausted their FY 2020/21 City allocation for Home Delivered Meals.

The revised allocations appear in the table below:

Service	Original Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
Congregate Meals	\$25,134	-\$25,134	\$ 0
Home Delivered Meals	\$15,690	+\$25,134	\$40,824
TOTAL	\$40,824	0	\$40,824

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to modify the City's FY 2020/21 ASSET allocation by redirecting \$25,134 from Congregate Meals to Home Delivered Meals.
2. Do not approve the request.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, HSS has proactively adjusted their nutrition services by closing the Congregate Meal site and meeting the demand for Home Delivered Meals. The re-allocation of City funding will provide needed support for these efforts as the pandemic continues.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the request to modify the City's FY 2020/21 contract with Heartland Senior Services as described above.

January 19, 2021

Honorable Mayor John Haila and City Council Members:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I respectfully request that the City transfer \$25,134 in FY20/21 ASSET funding from Congregate Meals to Meals on Wheels.

This request is being made in response to the pandemic. Specifically, since mid-March 2020 Meals on Wheels has increased from approximately 125 to 200 meals per day (60% increase). The majority of seniors that were attending Congregate Meals started receiving Meals on Wheels almost immediately upon us closing our building last spring.

Moreover, since we serve the most vulnerable population related to the pandemic, we do not anticipate reopening our building for Congregate Meals until perhaps the fall of 2021 (FY21/22).

Thank you for considering this request. If you 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.