

ITEM #: 15
 DATE: 04-11-23
 DEPT: CMO

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY FY 2022/23 ASSET ALLOCATION TO HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

Heartland Senior Services (HSS) has submitted a request to the City to modify its FY 2022/23 ASSET allocation by transferring a total of \$13,590 from the following services to the Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program: \$4,500 from Activity and Resource Center, \$2,590 from Congregate Meals, and \$6,500 from Outreach.

HDM participation remains strong with over 230 meals delivered daily compared to pre-pandemic meal delivery of 125 meals daily. HSS exhausted its City allocation of funds for HDM as of October 2022 and, therefore, is requesting that funds be reallocated to the Home Delivered Meals service.

The revised allocations appear in the table below.

Service	Original Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
Activity/Resource Center	\$ 8,256	- \$ 4,500	\$ 3,756
Congregate Meals	2,590	- 2,590	0
Outreach	47,197	- 6,500	40,697
Home Delivered Meals	73,290	+ 13,590	86,880
TOTAL	\$ 131,333	\$ 0	\$ 131,333

If the request to reallocate funds to the HDM program is approved, the unit rates of all four services will remain unchanged. The number of units purchased will increase for the HDM program and a reduction will occur for the Activity and Resource Center, Congregate Meals, and Outreach since amounts would be transferred to the HDM program. **HSS will be able to draw down HDM units already provided during this fiscal year, but which have not been paid because City funds have been exhausted in the HDM program since October 2022.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to modify the City's FY 2022/23 ASSET contract with HSS by reallocating \$4,500 from Activity and Resource Center, \$2,590 from Congregate Meals, and \$6,500 from Outreach to the Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program for a total of \$13,590.

2. Do not approve the request.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The reallocation of City funds will provide the support for this continued need in the community. Similar requests have been made to other ASSET funders, specifically Story County and United Way of Story County.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the request to modify the City's FY 2022/23 ASSET contract with HSS, as described above.

April 4, 2023

Honorable Mayor John Haila and City Council Members:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I respectfully request that the City transfer the following FY22/23 ASSET funding amounts: \$2,590 from Congregate Meals, \$6,500 from Outreach, and \$4,500 from Activities to Meals on Wheels. These transfers would total \$13,590.

This request is being made for three reasons:

- 1) Due to covid some seniors are still cautious about meeting with an Outreach Specialist in person. Although we visit/support these individuals with phone calls, it reduces the amount of time (units of service) versus meeting in person. It should be noted; it is always best to meet in person because the Specialist can better assess/support their overall life situation. In FY23/24 we anticipate that in person visits will return to pre-pandemic levels.
- 2) Our new building is under construction which has caused disruption to Activities and Congregate Meals.
- 3) Meals on Wheels participation has remained strong with over 230 meals delivered daily Monday through Friday. Prior to the pandemic 125 meals were delivered daily.

City ASSET funding for Meals on Wheels was drawn-down in its entirety between July and October 2022.

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.