



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding Agreement with Neighborly Care Network, Inc. for food and nutritional services.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Agreement with Neighborly Care Network, Inc. (Neighborly) to provide food and nutritional services through the Meals on Wheels program.

- This Agreement will provide funding for approximately 25,477 meals to homebound seniors annually.
- In the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020 (FY20), Neighborly distributed nearly 250,000 meals with local and federal funding combined.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 was first approved as a recurring budget item in Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19). This new Agreement term begins October 1, 2020, and expires on September 30, 2023, with one (1) two-year option to renew.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This Agreement provides funding to Neighborly to support the Meals on Wheels program. Individuals age 60 and older who are homebound for reason of illness, nutritional risk, isolation, or physical, emotional, or behavioral disabilities may be eligible for a no-cost home-delivered meal through Meals on Wheels. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday by volunteers, providing social interaction for individuals who may otherwise be isolated. This funding supports program capacity and provides approximately 25,477 meals for seniors at a cost of \$7.85 per meal.

Background/Explanation:

Neighborly has been providing food and nutritional services to homebound seniors since 1966. This Agreement reflects the decision package funding recommendations approved by the Board in FY19 for \$200,000.00 in recurring annual funding. In FY19 and FY20, Neighborly received \$200,000.00 in recurring funding and an additional \$96,000.00 in funding through the Social Action program. The Social Action funding set to expire September 30, 2020. In the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020

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Fiscal Impact:

Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000.00 is consistent with the development of the FY21 Budget.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Amendment is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Neighborly

Attachments:

Agreement
Attachment 1