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AGENDA

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

5:45 - 6:15 p.m. VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE Denver. CO

1. Call to Order

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda
 - January 15, 2020 minutes (Attachment A)

ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to contract with CDHS for the DRCOG AAA and to allocate and distribute up to \$21.5 million in Older Americans Act/State Funds for Senior Services dollars for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers. (Attachment B) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4. Discussion regarding DRCOG's receipt of federal COVID-19 emergency relief funding. (Attachment C) Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging
- 5. Expansion of the Veterans Directed Care (VDC) Program. (Attachment D) Jenny Dock, Director, Administration and Finance

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 6. Executed Contracts Report – no contracts to report for February & March 2020
- 7. Report of the Chair
- 8. Report of the Executive Director
- 9. Other Matters by Members
- 10. Next Meeting - May 20, 2020
- 11. <u>Adjourn</u>

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SUMMARY FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Present:

Kevin Flynn, Chair Denver

Jeff BakerArapahoe CountyElise JonesBoulder CountyRoger PartridgeDouglas CountyLibby SzaboJefferson County

Larry StrockLochbuieWynne ShawLone TreeJoan PeckLongmontSandie HammerlySuperior

Others Present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Director Baker **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

• Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Meeting

<u>Discussion of a resolution authorizing the executive director to contract with DemandTrans Solutions to purchase enhancements to the Ride Alliance trip exchange with Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) grant funds in the amount of approximately \$103,000</u>

Matthew Helfant, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of DemandTrans and the list of desired enhancements to the committee. A panel of staff and an external project stakeholder reviewed all proposals submitted by vendors to provide these enhancements. The panel agreed that DemandTrans was the best qualified firm based on their experience and cost.

Director Jones **moved** to adopt <u>Resolution No. 1, 2020</u>, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with DemandTrans solutions for eight identified enhancements to the Ride Alliance trip exchange with VTCLI grant funds of approximately \$103,000. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

<u>Discussion related to increasing compensation limits for contracted services under the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging (AAA) voucher program from \$125,000 to \$250,000.</u>

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Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging, explained the compensation limits for contracted services under the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging (AAA) voucher program. The maximum for voucher redemptions under any service is being increased from \$125,000 to \$250,000 for the current state fiscal year. The increased allocation for vouchers does not require any change to the provider contracts. DRCOG will fund the increased level from state funds that are currently unallocated.

Director Strock **moved** to adopt <u>Resolution No. 2, 2020</u>, authorizing the Executive Director to approve compensating AAA voucher providers without adhering to individual contract limits so long as the cumulative total of voucher redemptions from all providers does not exceed \$250,000 in the state fiscal year of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Executed Contracts

One contract was reported for December 2019, for \$69,640 for AHC workgroup facilitation

Report of Chair

No report was provided.

Report of the Executive Director

No report was provided.

Other Matters by Members

No other matters were discussed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

To: Chair and Members of the Finance & Budget Committee

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

(303) 480-6701 or drex@drcog.org

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SUBJECT

This item is regarding DRCOG's contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the recommended initial funding allocations for the AAA service contractors for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval is requested for DRCOG to enter into a new contract with CDHS and accordingly allocate funds it receives from CDHS to AAA service contractors for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (SFY2021).

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

DRCOG is designated by the State as the Area Agency on Aging for the 8-county metro region. It receives funding through the Colorado Department of Human Services as authorized by the federal Older Americans Act and the Older Coloradans Act. DRCOG, in turn, awards grant funds to about 30 organizations to provide area older adults and their caregivers with services that promote their wellbeing and independence. CDHS is in the process of issuing a new annual contract with DRCOG that will include options for four one-year extensions.

DRCOG intends to extend option letters to AAA providers to continue services for another fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020. The Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) has reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 contractor allocations and has recommended funding amounts that are largely at the same level as the allocations initially made for the 2019-2020 state fiscal year (SFY2020). Exceptions to level funding are mostly for new service programs that started partway through the year and therefore received only partial-year funding in SFY2020. These programs will receive a full year of funding in SFY2021. At the recommendation of the ACA, Volunteers of America, who provides vital nutrition services, will also receive additional funds of \$250,000 based on its current needs. As a conservative measure since total funding is not finalized, the SFY2021 allocations do not reflect one-time additional funds many providers received in SFY2020. Similarly, the funds for two large programs that are ending are not initially redistributed for other providers to utilize. The net total of contractor allocations in SFY2021 is approximately \$14,168,000. \$773,000 remains unallocated at this time to fund transportation voucher, home care voucher and other DRCOG funded programs.

In addition to the contractor allocations provided herein, DRCOG expects to carry over a significant amount of unspent federal funds into SFY2021 to include federal emergency funds of up to \$6,600,000. This is largely due to disruption of service delivery resulting from the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Funding for SFY2021 has

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not been finalized but projections indicate that, including carryover amounts, the level of pass-through funds may be as high as \$21,500,000. As such, contract amounts are an estimate and are subject to available funds. DRCOG staff will continue to evaluate funding levels and will later inform the F&B committee of final allocations.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

None

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services and to allocate and distribute up to \$21,500,000 in Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services programs for the state fiscal period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

ATTACHMENT

DRCOG Area Agency on Aging SFY 2021 Contracts Draft Resolution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at (303) 480-6701 or drex@drcog.org or Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging, at 303-480-6735 or jswarren@drcog.org.

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| Colorado Gerontological Society | Material Aid - Audiology | \$496,990.00 | \$496,990.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Material Aid - Optometry | \$139,112.00 | \$139,112.00 | 0.00% | |
| Colorado Legal Services | Legal Assistance | \$595,000.00 | \$595,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| Colorado Visiting Nurse Association | Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | \$82,430.00 | \$188,127.74 | 128.23% | Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year. CVNA omitted key expense line items (e.g., Indirect) and the cost of their subcontractor's per client cap for home modifications went from ~\$1,300 to \$1,680. |
| | Homemaker | \$374,189.00 | \$0.00 | -100.00% | CVNA Is ending their in-home services program as |
| | Personal Care | \$131,133.00 | \$0.00 | | it no longer aligns with their agency's mission. |
| Dominican Home Health Agency, Inc. | Education | \$26,580.00 | \$16,580.00 | -37.62% | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year |
| | Homemaker | \$14,016.00 | \$14,016.00 | 0.00% | amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount. Dominican has |
| | Personal Care | \$33,726.00 | \$30,660.00 | -9.09% | expressed interest in taking over some of |
| | Screening | \$91,477.00 | \$43,750.00 | | Centura's Screening Clinics and will be submitting a proposal for review at a later date. |
| Douglas County | Assisted Transportation | \$214,750.00 | \$210,000.00 | -2.21% | Accorded additional funding during the said year |
| | Chore | \$15,453.00 | \$15,453.00 | | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding |
| | Homemaker | \$87,969.00 | \$74,601.00 | -15 70% | |
| | Personal Care | \$64,578.00 | \$55,300.00 | -14.37% | was set at original level amount. |
| Ensight Skills Center | Education | \$8,500.00 | \$17,000.00 | 100.00% | Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, |
| | Material Aid - Optometry | \$5,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | | now being awarded for a full year. |
| | Screening | \$18,000.00 | \$36,000.00 | 100.00% | now being awarded for a full year. |
| Jefferson Center for Mental Health | Counseling | \$110,190.00 | \$110,190.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Counseling 2 | \$14,158.00 | \$0.00 | -100.00% | Jefferson Center's Centro Dones program struggled this year with staffing and getting clients. Through February 2019 they only were able to request less than 5% of their grant dollars. DRCOG terminated their contract for cause as of 03/31/2020, as they indicated they would maybe only be able to use \$1,500 in this current year. They were invited to apply to the next cycle if they get the program off the ground. |
| Jewish Family Service of Colorado | Homemaker | \$253,713.00 | \$227,409.00 | -10.37% | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount. |
| Lutheran Social Services of Colorado | Caregiver Access Assistance | \$51,758.00 | \$51,758.00 | 0.00% | |

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| C | aregiver Counseling/Training | \$33,719.00 | \$33,719.00 | 0.00% | |
| C | aregiver Respite Care (Voucher) | \$50,973.00 | \$50,973.00 | 0.00% | |

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| Mount Evans Hospice, Inc. | Counseling | \$23,678.00 | \$23,678.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Education | \$2,270.00 | \$2,270.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Personal Care | \$30,877.00 | \$61,754.00 | 100.00% | now being awarded for a full year. |
| | Screening | \$20,635.00 | \$23,262.00 | 12.73% | Mt. Evans is now using more skilled labor for their foot clinics, also all staff received an increase in wages |
| Project Angel Heart | Home Delivered Meals | \$120,000.00 | \$240,000.00 | 100.00% | Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year. |
| Senior Support Services | Counseling | \$67,794.00 | \$50,000.00 | -26.25% | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year |
| | Screening | \$217,000.00 | \$217,000.00 | 0.00% | amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount. |
| | Transportation (Voucher) | \$46,116.00 | \$46,116.00 | 0.00% | was set at original level amount. |
| Seniors Resource Center, Inc. | Assisted Transportation | \$1,200,250.00 | \$1,100,250.00 | -8.33% | |
| | Caregiver Respite Care - Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Health | \$265,993.00 | \$173,626.00 | -34.73% | |
| | Chore | \$271,470.00 | \$271,470.00 | 0.00% | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year |
| | Chore - Hoarding | \$122,050.00 | \$100,000.00 | -18.07% | amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding |
| | Homemaker | \$336,224.00 | \$336,224.00 | 0.00% | was set at original level amount. |
| | Personal Care | \$41,500.00 | \$41,500.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Special Equipment for Visually Impaired | \$13,212.00 | \$13,212.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Visually Impaired - Counseling | \$22,000.00 | \$22,000.00 | 0.00% | |
| SouthWest Improvement Council | Material Aid - Emergency Assistance | \$14,475.00 | \$14,475.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Screening | \$205,539.00 | \$205,539.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Transportation (Voucher) | \$4,986.00 | \$4,986.00 | 0.00% | |
| The Senior Hub, inc. | Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Health | \$140,000.00 | \$125,000.00 | | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year |
| | Caregiver Respite Care | \$151,500.00 | \$136,500.00 | -9.90% | amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding |
| Tri-County Health Department | Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | \$162,957.00 | \$162,957.00 | 0.00% | |
| Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch | Assisted Transportation | \$83,400.00 | \$83,400.00 | 0.00% | |
| | Chore | \$122,604.00 | \$122,604.00 | 0.00% | Awarded additional funding during the mid-year |
| | Congregate Meals | \$1,390,296.00 | \$1,390,296.00 | 0.00% | amendments. At the recommendation of the |
| | Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | \$79,632.00 | \$79,632.00 | 0.00% | funding subcommittee, the increased levels for nutrition services are unchanged in SFY2021. |
| | Home Delivered Meals | \$3,970,356.00 | \$3,970,356.00 | 0.00% | |
| Tot | tal | \$14,941,275.00 | \$14,168,292.74 | -5.17% | |
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DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS STATE OF COLORADO

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| FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE | RESOLUTION NO, 2020 |
| A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND TO ALLOCATE AND DISTRIBUTE UP TO ACT AND STATE FUNDING FOR SENIOR SEPERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 3 | TMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (CDHS) O \$21,500,000 IN OLDER AMERICANS ERVICES PROGRAMS FOR THE |
| WHEREAS, DRCOG is the designated A eight-county metro region and accordingly receil Older Americans Act and the State's Older Col | eives funds authorized by the federal |
| WHEREAS, CDHS contracts with DRCC to provide services to older adults and their car | |
| WHEREAS, pursuant to state and federa DRCOG must allot these funds towards specifications. | al requirements specified in the contract, c service categories; and |
| WHEREAS, the AAA Advisory Committee allocation of these funds to various agencies pr | |
| NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a Human Services and to allocate and distribute and State Funding for Senior Services program through June 30, 2021. | up to \$21,500,000 in Older Americans Act |
| RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at Denver, Colorado. | this, 2020 |
| | Steve Conklin, Chair |
| | Finance and Budget Committee |
| Denve | er Regional Council of Governments |

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SUBJECT

This item is regarding DRCOG's receipt of federal COVID-19 emergency relief funding.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

The novel coronavirus pandemic has created an unprecedented global crisis. In the United States, it is severely impacting population mortality, health and social conditions, and the economy. The toll is disproportionate among the most vulnerable populations, particularly older adults. In response to the crisis, the federal government has issued an initial round of COVID-19 stimulus funding, which includes monies for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. The State recently distributed these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging, of which DRCOG's portion was close to \$1.6 million. Congress is expected to pass additional sweeping legislation that would provide a second, larger package for OAA programs. DRCOG's estimated allocation from that package is \$5.0 million, for a total \$6.6 million of federal emergency relief funds.

Some notes about these funds:

- Though the initial \$1.6 million of emergency funding is wholly earmarked for senior nutrition, both congregate and home delivered meals, the additional \$5.0 million will be available for Title III supportive services (access services such as transportation, in-home care, legal assistance), nutrition programs, family caregiver services, as well as Title VII long-term care ombudsman and elder abuse prevention programs.
- The President's approval of the State's major disaster declaration has allowed for a degree of funding flexibility such as using congregate meals funds to pay for home delivery of meals to older adults forced to stay at home due to the pandemic. This flexibility will likely be extended to the second package of stimulus funding, such that OAA programs are funded irrespective of the funding category (example: nutrition funds can pay for transportation and material aid).
- The federal funds from the COVID relief package are available for a period of 18 months.
- The State Unit on Aging has directed that funds should be used to address the urgent needs arising from the pandemic crisis while pursuing opportunities to strategically expand service delivery throughout the AAA region such as through community partnerships.
- The State has waived the 10% cap on federal carryover of funds across all funding categories; however, there is no carryover of unexpended state funds.

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For this reason, the AAA must prioritize spending all state funds including Homestead dollars before utilizing any regular or emergency federal funds.

- No additional funds for AAA administration are included with the stimulus packages.

Community and stakeholder input will be sought regarding a plan for utilizing these funds.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT

This information item is related to the expansion of the Veterans Directed Care (VDC) program.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

The VDC program within the 2020 DRCOG agency budget covers the cost of three veterans case managers and a portion of time for a program supervisor. Staff include former military personnel whose experiences enable them to develop trusted connections with clients and their families. Given the large population of veterans in the region, the program had grown rapidly in the few years since it was launched. DRCOG staff worked closely in recent months with the Veterans Administration and its third-party payment processor to resolve a host of payment issues that until recently forced DRCOG to cap the number of veterans it could serve to 115.

Because payments are now received more timely and accurately, the program is better positioned to grow and improve. A new veterans case manager position is now proposed. Prior to DRCOG lifting the cap on the number of clients, the Veterans Administration was forced to redirect many client referrals to other agencies. With the additional staff position the program is expected to be able to accept an additional 35-50 clients. Moreover, current staff caseloads can be further optimized to better enhance client monitoring including more face-to-face interaction, and to allow for better support for client caregivers and more program outreach. Increased projected billings coupled with a new higher administrative fee paid per client to DRCOG will fully fund the new position.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

None

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

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