

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 20, 2024

Agenda Item #: 5

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend contracts with providers for the AAA Choice Services Programs for up to \$130,000 for in-home respite care services for caregivers through June 30, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is to recommend contracts with service providers for the Area Agency on Aging Choice Services program for the state fiscal year remainder of the state fiscal year to add funding to provide in-home respite care services to caregivers.

Background

DRCOG's CSP (Choice Services Program) provides vouchers to older adults in the Area Agency on Aging region to receive in-home care and/or transportation services. DRCOG staff complete assessments and offer consumers choices to receive service among a vetted list of providers. DRCOG is requesting approval to amend the in-home care provider's contracts to include up to \$130,000 for in-home respite care for caregivers.

One of caregiver providers DRCOG awarded funding to for 2024-2025 opted not to accept the funding, as such DRCOG intends to utilize these unallocated funds to provide respite care to caregivers in the region. The funding that was allocated to this provider was funding that is dedicated to caregiver services and DRCOG is only allowed to carryover a certain portion of this funding, as such DRCOG needs to ensure that most of this funding is spent by the end of June 2025. To ensure that the funding is spent by the end of the fiscal year, DRCOG intends to amend contracts for these vendors: Alpine Homecare, FirstLight Home Care Boulder, FirstLight Home Care Denver, Griswold Home Care, Apollo Home Care Services, and Gentle Shepherd to provide in-home services to caregivers.

CSP contractors are fee-for-service providers that are paid monthly based on redeemed vouchers. Service voucher redemptions are monitored by DRCOG staff no less frequently than monthly to assess program capacity for issuing new vouchers. The CSP providers were chosen based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, how long they have provided the service, the service area, the quality of the management team, and the agency's ability to comply with DRCOG and State requirements. Additionally, they must have the proper licensure, meet minimum insurance levels, and must be in good standing with the State.



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Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend contracts with providers for the AAA Choice Services Programs for up to \$130,000 for in-home respite care services for caregivers through June 30, 2025

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

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