



# City of Apache Junction

*Home of the Superstition Mountains*

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
DATE: October 5, 2016  
SUBJECT: Presentation/Discussion on Professional Services Agreement with Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens

## **REQUEST**

Consideration of awarding a professional services agreement to Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC) to provide the meal and transportation portion of the community's senior services.

## **BACKGROUND**

As we have shared previously, **East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR)** has given their participants and the City of AJ notice that effective November 11<sup>th</sup>, they will be discontinuing their services in Apache Junction. They are currently the provider of congregate meals, home delivered meals, limited transportation, and senior programming in the Apache Junction area.

EVAR currently holds the contract for senior services for our area through PGCSC who has been designated as the **Area Agency on Aging - Region V** by the State of Arizona. EVAR receives much of their funding through PGCSC, in addition to other funding sources as we have discussed.

The City of Apache Junction has historically contributed financially to these services through Health and Human Services (H&HS) funding and through in-kind contributions. These in-kind contributions include providing the facility and all utilities/building maintenance at the Multi-Generational Center (MGC). It also includes valuable support services from our grants division to help seek, write, and administer grants for senior services. Last year, H&HS contributed \$28,000 (down from previous years due to a transportation grant that was received from Gila River Indian Community).

## **DISCUSSION**

After exploring many options, it was recently determined that PGCSC can provide the most efficient and effective transition of the most utilized/critical meal and transportation services as a temporary solution while City staff and council explore a more permanent solution. This temporary agreement would expire June 30, 2017. Because of the limited funding at this point, services may look a little different and parks and recreation staff will absorb much of the customer service, data entry/reporting, facility assistance, recreational/fitness programming. In addition, the City will pay PGCSC \$28,000 towards the cost of staffing and supplies for the meals and transportation portion.

Getting an accurate understanding of operations, participation numbers and true costs will be critical to determining the City's future role in retaining these valuable services and any necessary budgetary

implications. Additionally, this short-term solution will allow staff and council to explore some of the philosophical/policy-driven implications of the various long-term solutions available.

Because of the nearing departure of EVAR, time is of the essence. Barring any objections or concerns, we will be bringing this item back to the City Council meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> for final approval of contract. Your consideration on this topic is appreciated.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Professional Services Agreement with PGCSC