



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: October 5, 2016
SUBJECT: Award of Contract - 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 11th, 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. We respectfully request award of contract to PGCSC for providing meals and transportation for senior services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Professional Services Agreement with PGCSC