



**Agenda Item Number
6c.
Oregon Project Independence, In-Home Services**

Date: June 27, 2019

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: Approve Continuation of Contracts

Background:

NorthWest Senior & Disability Services (NWSDS) is designated as the lead agency in an In-Home Services Consortium. Members of the consortium include NWSDS, LCOG S&DS, and Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG).

This In-Home Service Contract is funded through Oregon Project Independence (OPI). OPI is an Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) program administered locally by LCOG S&DS. Funding is authorized by the Oregon State Legislature through state general fund dollars.

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) provides limited in-home services to people 60 and older needing assistance to continue living independently within their own homes. OPI Pilot project expands services to adults with disabilities age 19-59.

In-Home Care Services include:

- Homecare (housekeeping, grocery shopping)
- Personal Care services (assistance bathing, eating)
- Chore services (one-time heavy housecleaning or yard clean-up)

The OPI program operates on a sliding fee scale, so some participants may be required to contribute towards the cost of care, depending on income. Participant fees are reinvested into the local OPI program.

Every five years, a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process is conducted to determine which in-home agency will provide services to OPI consumers. The last RFP was in 2018, and Addus HomeCare Inc. was the successful bidder. NWSDS conducted a competitive Request for Proposal process earlier this year. Only 1 entity bid, Addus HomeCare Inc.

METHOD OF SERVICE PROVISION: Addus receives payment for time providing in-home services to OPI consumers, recruiting and training staff, matching staff with OPI consumers, and collecting program statistics for LCOG S&DS.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

On May 17th, 2019, the Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) met and voted to recommend a contract amendment for year two of the five-year contract, extending the contract for 12-months for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). In addition, the SSAC recommends LCOG continue the contract with NWSDS as the lead agency in the OPI In-home Services Regional Consortium, and that LCOG contract with the consortium for fiscal year 2020 in the not-to-exceed amounts of:

OPI 60+ Funds: \$360,000 (17,183 hours of service)
OPI Pilot Funds: \$140,000 (5,728 hours of service)
OAA Family Caregiver Respite Funds: \$123,270 (5,884 hours of service)
TOTAL: \$623,270

Note: \$20.95 is the current hourly rate for home care, personal care, and chore services, no rate increase was proposed for FY2020. The current in-home service provider is Addus HomeCare Inc., as selected through a Request for Proposal process in 2018.

On June 11, 2019, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to recommend the continuation of both contracts.

Proposed Motion: Amend the contract for 12 months; continue the contract with NWSDS; and continue to contract with the Consortium for in-home care.