



Legislation Text

File #: 24-1017, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): The Common Market

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request that the County Judge execute an agreement with The Common Market to bring fresh farm boxes and bulk foods from small and family-owned farms to the Wellness on Wheels events in Precincts 1-4 in 2024, at no cost to the county.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) aims to increase access to its Mobile Health Services and Programs among priority communities. To achieve this goal, HCPH will host four or more Wellness on Wheels events per fiscal year, one per precinct starting in FY2024. Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and The Common Market will collaborate to deliver farm fresh boxes and bulk foods from small and family-owned farms to communities in need at no cost, enhancing food security and promoting public health.

Expected Impact:

Having the Common Market provide farm-fresh boxes at the Wellness on Wheels event will promote access to healthy, locally sourced produce among community members with limited access to fresh foods. This can contribute to improved nutrition and overall health outcomes, particularly in areas considered food deserts or where affordable, nutritious options are scarce. Showcasing farm-fresh foods at the Wellness on Wheels Event can raise awareness about sustainable agriculture practices and support local farmers, fostering a sense of community pride. Distributing food boxes at the event and nutrition education will create opportunities for social interaction and community engagement.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A		

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: February 27, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): February 27, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Court Order, Contract