



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court  
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager  
Court Date: January 6, 2025  
RE: Parks & Cultural Services – Senior Services  
FY 2025 HGAC Area Agency on Aging Senior Meal Grant Award

BACKGROUND

In 1976 Galveston County established the Senior Citizens Program to serve adults aged 60 and older. This program has been under Parks and Cultural Services since 2003. The Senior Program staff consists of highly qualified employees who provide congregate meals, transportation services, information and referral, education, fitness, and recreation at the centers. This program is supported by federal and state funds via the Older Americans Act, Title III programs, which are administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and passed through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC).

Galveston County Senior Centers directly affected by this application are located at the following locations:

- Wayne Johnson Community Center in La Marque (Currently at Runge)
- Bayside Community Center
- Dickinson Community Center
- City of Friendswood – Friendswood Senior Center
- City of League City – Hometown Heroes Park – Senior Program
- City of Texas City – Nessler Center Seniors Program
- Galveston Community Center (Coming soon)

NOTE: The County also supports the congregate meal program at the Santa Fe Senior Center as well as the Bay Area Meals on Wheels and the Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston home-delivered meal programs.

SUMMARY

The attached award contract reflects the program funds for FY 2025 Program Activities for FY 2025 and include: (1) congregate meals, and (2) transportation meal services for seniors.



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Grant Application	\$578,531.00
County Mandatory Match	<u>\$71,280.00</u>
	\$651,060.00

County Match is met through Parks and Cultural Services budgeted Mandatory Match as well as a portion of the salary and benefits for the Senior Citizens Department personnel.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Professional Services recommends the Court consider approval to accept the FY 2025 HGAC Area Agency on Aging Senior Meals grant award and authorize the Judge's signature on required documents.

**ATTACHEMENTS**

- Grant Award Contract