



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton  
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM:   
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: August 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Ride Service Agreement with ITN *Bluegrass* for Lexington Senior Center Participants

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**Request:**

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to sign agreement to allow the Division of Aging and Disability Services to enter into a Ride Service Agreement with *ITN Bluegrass* for transportation services for Senior Center participants.

**Why are you requesting?**

*ITN Bluegrass* provides home delivery of hot – prepared lunches for approximately 12 senior center participants. This delivery is 3 days per week, and for the benefit of senior participants who regularly attended the senior center prior to COVID-19, was transported by senior center transportation staff, and participated in the daily lunch program. This service allows the senior center participant to retain access to nutritional meals, while mitigating the barriers in lack of personally-owned transportation or dependence on public transportation.

This agreement will also provide the option for transporting senior center participants to the senior center when social distancing guidelines are lifted, and on-site programming is permitted to resume safely. This date has yet to be determined. This option will afford more access to participants and may result in cost savings to the government.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

The cost for FY 2021 is \$12,000. Half of this cost is supported by CARES Act grant funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?**

Yes, \$6,000 in 1101-606102-6081-71207 and \$6,000 in 3190 606102 6051 71299 SRCTZN\_CV\_2020.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Kristy Stambaugh / Chris Ford

