

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

September 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:**

Consultant Selection for the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project

**SUMMARY:**

On March 14, 2011, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee amended the FY 2011 MAG Work Program and Annual Budget to reflect a \$110,800 grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to support the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project. This project will result in a municipal aging services model that will assist local governments in meeting the needs of older adults. The budget for this project includes \$30,000 to conduct a survey and \$45,000 for evaluation services. On May 16, 2011, the MAG Executive Committee approved the selection of the ETC Institute to conduct the survey. MAG staff has been conducting activities related to the evaluation services. It is proposed to contract with Wholonomy Consulting, LLC, to complete the remainder of the evaluation service activities for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. A Request for Proposals was not issued because the firm is under State contract.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** This project will benefit local governments as they strive to meet the needs of residents age 65 years and older in a cost-effective, humane way. Securing consultant services to complete the project will result in a thorough assessment of viable strategies.

**CONS:** None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** Three phases are planned for this project. The first phase has been completed with an inventory of municipal aging services. The second phase includes community engagement activities such as a survey, sub-regional focus groups, and a regional community forum. The result of these activities is the identification of needs experienced by older adults and consensus around the most effective strategies to meet these needs. The third and final phase will be the development of a model, or menu of strategies, local governments can use to meet the needs of older adults. The evaluation services provided by this contract will support the regional community forum and development of the aging services model.

**POLICY:** The results of the project will offer additional policy alternatives local governments may use when considering strategies to meet the needs of older adults. These policy alternatives have been researched and vetted through extensive community engagement through this project.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval for Wholonomy Consulting, LLC to conduct evaluation services for the Municipal Aging Services project for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item is on the September 7, 2011 MAG Management Committee for recommendation to approve.

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