



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

May 16, 2014

Honorable Keith Self
Collin County Courthouse
210 South McDonald Street, #626
McKinney, TX 75069

Dear Judge *Keith* Self:

The purpose of this letter is to request Collin County's continued support of NCTCOG's Aging program. Collin County's support has been greatly appreciated since 2004. During Fiscal Year 2015 we will again need the County's help in the amount of \$26,511.

The match is used to support many of the Aging program's services, including payments made to the Collin County Committee on Aging for home-delivered meals, congregate meals, and transportation services. Also, the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County received funds for caregiver support services. During the current fiscal year, 2014, NCTCOG intends to pass through \$563,619 to the Collin County Committee on Aging.

The match is also used to support the Aging program's direct services to older adults, their family caregivers, and nursing home residents in Collin County. Our direct services include case management, benefits counseling, legal services, caregiver education and training, caregiver respite, information and referral, residential repair, emergency response, income support, homemaker, nursing home ombudsman services, and nursing home relocation services.

Although not all of these direct services' outlays are attributable to particular counties, Aging does track cost data by county for residential repair, income support, homemaker and nursing home relocation services. During the first half of Fiscal Year 2014, Aging has dedicated \$31,276 in funding for these services to Collin County residents.

In addition, Aging provided administrative support to the Collin County Committee on Aging in the form of reimbursement for contracted services, technical assistance, and monitoring.

At the direction of our Regional Aging Advisory Committee, each county within the service area is asked to contribute a proportionate share of the regional match funds. During Fiscal Year 2015, Aging will be required to generate a regional match of \$135,000, representing an 8% increase over the Fiscal Year 2014 requirement. The need for this increase is due in large part to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services' reclassification of data management service activity as administrative activity, which has a higher match requirement (25%, as opposed to 10%).

"Proportionate share" is that percent of funding a county receives during the current fiscal year for home-delivered and/or congregate meals, and transportation services, relative to all counties' meals and transportation funds allocated by NCTCOG's Aging program. Since Collin County is projected to receive \$563,619 in nutrition and transportation funding during 2014, or 19.64% of the total region-wide allocation of \$2,870,096 for these services, the matching request to Collin County is 19.64% of NCTCOG's \$135,000 match

requirement, or \$26,511. Again, this amount is for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Because match dollars are used to draw down federal and state funds for Aging services, their impact on a budget is substantial. Every match dollar Collin County contributes draws down three federal and state dollars for Aging services. Conversely, a loss of one dollar in match results in a loss of four dollars for Aging services.

Upon request, we will provide a memorandum of understanding that outlines our obligations to Collin County relative to these match funds. Match funds for Fiscal Year 2015 may be paid at any time between October 1, 2014 and May 30, 2015.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call Doni Green, Chief Aging Program Officer, at 817-695-9193.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike Eastland
Executive Director

Cc: Ray Ricchi: Collin County meals and transportation contractor
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