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Section	<b>New Business</b>
Item No.	<b>VI F 5</b>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Placement of Community Services Council of Brevard County, Inc. DBA Aging Matters in Brevard as a line item on the County Budget
DEPT/OFFICE:	Citizen Request/Cynthia Flachmeier, President, CEO of Aging Matters in Brevard

**Requested Action:**  
Request consideration to place Community Services Council of Brevard County, Inc., DBA Aging Matters in Brevard in the Brevard County Budget as a line item for annual funding of \$60,000 for the Senior Nutrition Program.

**Summary Explanation & Background:**  
The purpose for this presentation is to address the need for the continuation of the Meals on Wheels and Seniors at Lunch programs by including the Aging Matters in Brevard Nutrition Program as a line item in the Brevard County Budget.

- Two topics of discussion:**
1. Research findings on emotional and health implications of older adults who have food insecurity, loneliness, and are home bound without family/friend support. Below are key findings from a 2015 Brown University study funded by the AARP Foundation:
    - The study confirms what we have known for decades anecdotally: that Meals on Wheels delivers much more than a meal. Volunteers not only deliver a meal, but also a friendly hello and safety check.
    - Those who received daily-delivered meals experienced the greatest improvements in health and quality of life indicators over the study period compared to the other two groups who received only weekly frozen meals delivered by mail.
    - Those living alone and receiving daily Meals on Wheels had decreased worry about the ability to stay living at home and improvements in feelings of loneliness.
  2. Programs such as home-delivered meals and congregate lunch sites have the potential to provide substantial savings to state and local Medicaid programs. Programs that help older adults live independently can also deliver net savings to states on the costs of long-term supports and services. The cost to Brevard County Government for Medicaid match toward long-term care facilities exceeds 6.8 million dollars a year. Aging Matters receives funding through the Older American Act that has a main focus on Aging in Place. This means that Aging Matters and Brevard County Government both have a large stake in the effort to keep seniors living in their own homes with daily supportive services. Our need for match funding for the Older American Act Federal Grant of \$60,000 can lower or maintain the overall cost related to the County match of 6.8 million dollars per year.

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs reports in the Florida State Plan on Aging 2017-2019, that Florida has the highest proportion in the nation of residents age 65 and older, comprising 18.7% of the state population. The percentage of those age 85 and older grew from 2.1% to 2.3% of state residents over the last decade, a 31% increase from 2000-2010. With more than 4.9 million residents age 60 and over, Florida currently ranks first in the nation in percentage of citizens who are elders. According to the Brevard County Commission on Aging, by 2026, the population of Americans age 65 and over will double to 72.1 million. The fast growing segment of the elder population is that of those over the age of 85. Growing at a rate nearly four times that of the total population, the 85 and over age group will triple by 2050.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: Funding Breakdown for Brevard Senior Nutrition Program Match and Leverages

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No     PR

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