

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Planning Department

SUBJECT: Hermiston Senior Center STF Agreement 21-23

<p>Background: Umatilla County has a current Statewide Transportation Fund (STF) agreement with Hermiston Senior Center (HSC) to provide transportation for seniors. The current agreement grants \$910.25 in form of reimbursement to HSC for transportation expenses of providing rides for seniors each quarter through June 30, 2023.</p> <p>HSC is requesting that the current agreement be modified to include transportation expenses for their Meals on Wheels program. This would include fuel costs only.</p> <p>The Transit Coordinator spoke with the Regional Representative with ODOT, who shared that other counties in the state have funded meal deliveries under STF.</p> <p>The Umatilla County STF Advisory Committee met on March 1, 2022 to provide a recommendation. The STF Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of Hermiston Senior Center’s request.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve Hermiston Senior Center’s contract modification request, which will allow STF reimbursement for senior transportation and fuel costs for Meals on Wheels.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Hermiston Senior Center

Date (3/1/2022)

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:
Megan Davchevski

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: March 2, 2022

Action taken:

Follow-up:

HERMISTON SENIOR CENTER

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

February 17, 2022

Meals-on-Wheels are delivered every Tuesday & Thursday. Meals are hot meals and cost is \$5.00 each. Call before 10am (541-567-3582) to be put on the list and arrange for delivery. Drivers do not carry change; pay by cash or check. Pre-paid tickets are available also.

Our two volunteer drivers (with helper) leave the office at 10:30 each meal day and return between 1:00pm & 1:30pm. The drivers use their own cars and fuel. They drive 36 – 40 miles each delivery day depending on the number of meals to deliver. Any given day there are 40-45 meals to deliver.

Some of our clients live alone, do not drive and do not have any family in the local area. They rely on our meals and the contact with our drivers. The delivery drivers are very aware of something that “doesn’t look right”; client isn’t feeling well, etc. They report to the office, and a wellness check is requested. From the time Covid came calling, our drivers have been credited with saving the lives of two people. We send birthday cards, get well, thinking of you cards, all delivered by our Meals-on-Wheels delivery volunteers. Our clients are “family” to us and our volunteer delivery volunteers are priceless.

To renegotiate the STF contract to include payment for fuel only for our Meals-On-Wheels program would be greatly appreciated.

Willard Fordice, Director
Hermiston Senior Center
541-567-3582