## **CMCOA 2025 Nutrition Open Bid Question Responses**

Question: Will CMCOA release the amount of funding that is available for title IIIC, and if possible amounts between congregate and HDM?

Answer: The following are the anticipated availability of Congregate and Home Delivered Meal funds.

Congregate: \$549,165

Home Delivered Meals: \$2,269,735

Availability is based upon funding awarded through the Minnesota Board on Aging and based upon transfer approvals.

Question: We know that many clients in this area have been provided meals through frozen bundles during once a month distributions by other providers, will this be an option of meal service for the next year?

Answer: This may be an option based upon funding availability. Frozen Bundle meals are considered Home Delivered Meals. If including these in the application and providing these will create a new service or site not currently provided, this should be indicated in the Budget: Service Data by Site sheet, Targeting by Site sheet and the Proposed service Change sheet.

Also, in the SmartSimple application, Application Narrative question: For Home Delivered Meals - Are you a new Title III C provider or a current Title III C provider who is expanding their service area, for the home delivered meals nutrition service areas specified in this RFP? This should be answered as "Yes". The questions following this response must then be completed.

Question: If frozen bundled meal distribution is not a service option and we expect these individuals to shift to a congregate or HDM service does the funding support this shift in meal service?

Answer: Funding will be provided to the fullest capacity CMCOA is able to. Federal Older American Act Title III nutrition services are to be prioritized to those populations. Please see the Request for Proposal for further information on targeted populations.

Question: Can the cost for MDH yearly license fee be listed under PEER Place license, or will that license be an added line?

Answer: MDH yearly license should not be included on the PeerPlace. Licenses can be entered into a current blank row in the budget.

Question: I'm not familiar with Negotiated Indirect cost or how to determine if it is applicable as an added question this year.

Answer: Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) is a document published to reflect an estimate of indirect cost rate negotiated between the Federal Government and an organization which reflects the indirect costs (facilities and administrative costs) and fringe benefit expenses incurred by the organization. Organizations without at NICRA may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) as per 2 CFR 200.414(f)

Question: Are you able to provide a PEER Place detail report at any time?

Answer: Current providers who do not have access to PeerPlace may, at any time, request Central Minnesota Council on Aging (CMCOA) Contract Staff to provide reports from PeerPlace. The provider should clarify the type of reports being requested and the timeline the report should be run for. Those providers who have access to PeerPlace, and need assistance with how to access reports may also request this from CMCOA Contract Staff. For assistance, please contact Amanda Schindele, Contracts Manager at amanda.schindele@cmcoa.org.

Question: Is the SAVE DRAFT used only as I go along and the SUBMIT button is when I am DONE? Answer: Yes.