



February 9, 2026

Mark W. Barnes, Finance Director
Effingham County
804 South Laurel St.
Springfield, GA 31329

RE: Contract Amendment 2026-08.1

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Enclosed is the first contract amendment for FY 2026. This amendment contains the following changes:

- Increase in CBS-HCBS State Congregate Meals funding in the amount of \$7,500
- Increase in CBS-HCBS State Home Delivered Meals funding in the amount of \$7,500.

Remember there is language in Section E of ANNEX A regarding the transfer of funds among counties in which you provide services. Please review this section carefully.

Please also remember that this is **ANNEX L** to your contract, which shall contain this and all future correspondence regarding contract amendments. Each Annex L letter will, with your signature, indicate your receipt and acknowledgment of the most recent changes to your contract with the Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging. Please replace the previous versions with these documents in your FY2026 contract:

1. Annex A – Statement of Work
2. Annex I – 4.2 Revenue Plan and Units/Persons Served

After you have reviewed this amendment carefully, please sign both copies of this letter and other annexes where indicated, returning one copy to the CRC for our records. Please return all documents to this office no later than **February 27, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pamela Rogers at (912)514-1615

Sincerely,

Dionne Lovett
CRC Executive Director

Annex L

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR EXECUTION:

CRC EXECUTION:

Signature – Authorized Person



Signature – Executive Director

Dionne Lovett, Executive Director

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name of Agency



Signature –CRC Council Chair

Rosa Romeo, CRC Council Chair

Printed Name and Title

Date Signed



Date Signed

Enclosures

- CC: Pamela Rogers, Aging Services Director
- Lena Geiger, Finance Director

Contract # 2026-08.1

STATEMENT OF WORK

I. CONTRACTOR DATA

Contractor: Effingham County Commission

Project: Operation of a Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered Meals

Contract Period: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

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II. SUMMARY

A. Purpose of Project

The purpose of the project is to operate a senior center in Effingham County that complies with Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Aging Services (DAS) requirements and serves as a focal point for older individuals in the community. The senior center will serve a noon meal to senior center (congregate) participants and deliver a noon meal to participants of the home delivered meals (HDM) program.

Activities performed under this contract will be in compliance with all pertinent DHS DAS requirements, including procedural issuances, DHS DAS Requirements for Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (Section 206 related to senior center requirements and Section 304 related to nutrition service program guidelines and requirements), and any other current or forthcoming manual material or directives.

B. Program Objectives

The program objectives are as follows:

1. To operate a senior center in Effingham County, including delivery of home delivered meals, for a minimum of 250 days per year, with a maximum of ten (10) holidays to be observed on dates approved by the Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
2. To operate a senior center for a minimum of six hours per day (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
3. To serve **11,288 congregate meals**, a minimum of 5,000 congregate meals (units) at the center annually
4. To serve an average of at least 20 congregate meals/participants at each center daily with an overall goal of serving an average of 30+ clients daily.
5. To offer a minimum of two hours per day of planned activities with an overall goal to provide four or more hours of planned activities daily. These activities are in addition to nutrition education services, but may include recreation, exercise, health promotion/wellness, and medication management activities.
6. To offer planned activities in recognition of national observances relevant to older adults, (i.e. Older Americans Month, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and Alzheimer's Awareness Month).

7. To ensure the provision of at least one health promotion/wellness activity per month at the senior center. Health promotion/wellness activities include presentations regarding breast cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc.
8. To ensure the provision of at least four medication management activities annually at the senior center. Medication management activities include “brown bag” seminars, GeorgiaCares presentations, pharmacists as guest speakers, etc.
9. To ensure the provision of a nutrition education session at least once monthly at the senior center. Each nutrition education session must last at least 15 minutes.
10. To ensure the provision of at least two exercise/physical fitness activities per week at the senior center. Physical fitness activities include walking, chair exercises, thera-band exercises, etc.
11. To ensure the provision of at least ten recreation activities per month at the senior center. Recreation activities include sports, the performing arts, games, and crafts, which are facilitated by the site manager or another instructor/provider. Each recreation activity must last at least 30 minutes.
12. To ensure the provision and documentation of quarterly fire drills and annual tornado drills at the center.
13. To serve **13,080 home delivered meals** (units), a minimum of 5,000 congregate meals (units) at the center annually
14. To ensure the provision and documentation of nutrition education to home delivered meals participants at least monthly

C. Population to be Served

While there are exceptions, congregate and home delivered meals participants must (1) be 60 years of age or over or (2) be the spouse of a participant, regardless of age. Home delivered meals participants must also have functional impairments that prevent them from participating in a congregate meals program, or be responsible for the care of a dependent, disabled person in the home, to the extent that they cannot leave the person to attend a congregate site. Preference will be given to those in greatest economic or social need, and emphasis will be placed on low-income minority individuals and rural elderly.

Detailed eligibility requirements (and exceptions) are not outlined in this Annex A. However, details of eligibility and priority of services for congregate and home delivered meals are outlined in Georgia DHS DAS Requirements for Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Manual 5300 (Section 304).

Centers must be safe and accessible for all eligible individuals and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, relating to access, and any other relevant DAS standards or program requirements. (Requirements regarding safety and accessibility are outlined in Section 206.5.2 of the Georgia DHS DAS Requirements for Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services.)

D. Service Area

The service area is Effingham County, Georgia.

E. Staffing Requirement

The contractor must employ at least one staff person to serve as the senior center site manager who will supervise and provide oversight for the center and will ensure all requirements are met. He/she must demonstrate appropriate knowledge and skills to work with an elderly population, general ability to complete required fiscal and programmatic reports in an accurate and timely manner, and ability to gather and report required client data in the manner specified by the AAA and/or the Division of Aging Services.

In the absence of a site manager (due to sick leave, personal leave, training attendance, etc.), another employee of the contractor must be present to supervise the center during the period of time that participants are in attendance.

F. Food Service and Delivery

Under a sub-contract arrangement, meals are prepared on a daily basis at the Effingham County Prison kitchen and are delivered to the senior center locations. Contractor staff at the senior center will be responsible for keeping food at the appropriate temperatures. Contractor staff will be responsible for serving the food at the center and for clean up after each meal.

The Food Service Manager at the Effingham County Prison is also responsible for individual packaging and delivery of home delivered meals to participants in the Home Delivered Meals program. The Prison will provide packaging material and will employ at least one staff person to deliver meals to the senior center and ensure that the state-required "holding" time of four hours is met. The last home delivered meal must be delivered (and the last congregate meal served) within four hours of food preparation. Volunteers should also be used to assist with meal packaging and/or delivery.

Contractor staff and any sub-contractor preparing, storing, or distributing meals must comply with all nutrition program standards for food handling, processing, temperatures, food safety, and sanitation. Individuals serving food must wear hairnets and gloves. (Contractor staff continues to be responsible for food safety and temperatures when occasional picnic meals provided by the food vendor are

served. If a meal is eaten at a restaurant during the course of a planned trip, the restaurant staff and contractor staff share responsibility for food safety and temperatures.)

G. Required Service Days and Requests for Schedule Changes

Home delivered meals must be delivered 250 days per year, and Congregate services must be provided 250 days per year. Closures due to holidays shall not exceed 10 days per contract year.

Requests for deviations from the normal operating schedule must be submitted to the AAA for approval at least two weeks prior to the planned event. Deviations include center closings, picnics, trips, restaurant meals, etc.

If the contractor wishes to allow occasional meals/barbeques, etc. provided by churches, banks, or other organizations, the events must be scheduled after the normal operating hours of the senior center. Aging funds will not be expended for these events. (Contractor staff and the agency providing the meal are responsible for food safety and temperatures.)

H. ADRC as Single Point of Entry

The Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging is the single point of entry for aging programs, including congregate and home delivered meals services. Clients admitted into the programs shall be screened and referred to the contractor by the AAA's Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) intake and screening staff via an electronic format. Contractor staff is responsible for submitting a completed client disposition form to the AAA ADRC within (5) five business days after receiving client referrals.

When the contractor receives inquiries about services or requests for Home Delivered Meals (HDM) services, the information must be forwarded to the AAA where ADRC staff will conduct telephone screening. In the event there is no waiting list for HDM, the AAA ADRC staff will conduct the telephone assessment and then forward all information to the Contractor so that services can be initiated.

When space is available for new participants at the senior center, the site manager may conduct the initial assessment and enter the client intake and assessment information into the DAS Data System (DDS). In the event the senior center is operating at capacity and cannot accept new participants, the site manager shall refer individuals to the AAA ADRC office for a telephone assessment and placement on a waiting list.

The contractor agrees to provide the AAA toll free telephone number (800-580-6860) to inquirers and encourage them to call the number for a telephone screening to identify their needs and for referral to the appropriate services.

I. Intake/Registration and Assessment/Reassessment

Contractor staff is responsible for registering clients into the DAS Data System once services are initiated and for conducting client assessments and reassessments for participants in accordance with DAS guidelines. The Contractor will maintain a participant file for each congregate and home delivered meals client. The file will contain all pertinent forms and information related to the participant.

When a client's services are terminated (due to death, relocation, eligibility changes, etc.), Contractor staff is responsible for entering an alert note in the client's DDS record indicating the date of and reason for the termination, within (5) five business days after notification of client death or service termination.

J. Outreach Activities

Contractor staff must conduct outreach activities with emphasis on identifying potential congregate and home delivered meals program participants who are among those in greatest social and economic need. All outreach activities must be documented, and the documentation must be filed and maintained at the Senior Center. Outreach activities may include, but are not limited to, public service announcements, flyers, presentations at local clubs and associations, and faith-based contacts.

K. Additional Contractor Staff Responsibilities

In addition to contractor staff responsibilities specifically outlined in other sections of this Annex A, contractor staff must also:

- a. Solicit volunteers, as needed, to assist with operation of the senior center, provision of congregate meals and services, and delivery of home delivered meals. (Volunteer time may be utilized as in-kind local match.)
- b. Attend and participate in quarterly training and menu planning meetings conducted by the AAA.
- c. Maintain detailed and diverse calendar of activities. While the AAA recognizes that planned activities may change during any given month, the contractor shall submit said calendars to the AAA for review monthly, at least five (5) business days before the month begins.
- d. Complete program monitoring and evaluation (i.e., customer satisfaction) and document such evaluation. Contractor staff must submit an annual written report that summarizes evaluation findings, improvement goals, and an implementation plan.
- e. Attend training sessions scheduled by the AAA or the Division of Aging Services
- f. Assisting Coastal Georgia Area Agency on Aging staff with the maintenance of up-to-date client demographic data for congregate and home delivered meals participants.

- g. Utilize a meal reservation system to ensure that wasted congregate and home delivered meals are kept at a minimum.
- h. Maintain at least one computer station for site manager and program participant use. Site manager shall maintain an active email account.

Contractor will cooperate with the AAA in the implementation of senior center re-design, evidence-based programming and the development and implementation of a volunteer program that supports our aging services delivery system. Contractor shall adopt best practices that utilize advances in technology relevant in the field of aging and beneficial to the clients we serve. Contractor will include goals in their annual report that support senior center re-design, evidence-based programs, volunteerism and technology.

L. Site Council

Senior center staff is responsible for the development of a senior center site council, consisting of senior center participants. The site council gives participants the opportunity to have input into activities and decisions that affect the senior center. The site council advises the staff on the needs and concerns of the participants; gives support and assists with site programs, services, and activities; and reviews meal preferences and complaints. The site council, with input from the site manager and contractor, is also responsible for decisions related to expending funds raised via participant fundraisers (bake sales, raffles, etc.). Site council minutes must be taken for all meetings and must reflect the decisions of the council.

M. Availability of Technical Assistance

The Coastal Regional Commission's AAA will provide guidance and technical assistance, as needed, to contractor staff. The AAA's Nutrition and Wellness Coordinator will be available to assist in the planning and organization of successful wellness programs and to assist staff in meeting medication management, wellness/health promotion, and exercise/physical fitness goals. The AAA will also provide assistance in meeting nutrition education requirements.

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

A. Program Management System

The Effingham County Commission is a branch of the County government. The County Administrator is responsible for the overall performance of the project.

Senior Center Director/Site Manager - Responsible for everyday operations of the center, including food service activities and oversight of senior activities. Ensures that quality programs and activities are planned and provided. Ensures that programs and services comply with state and local requirements. Prepares and submits (or ensures the preparation and prompt submission of) data entry forms

and monthly reports. Maintains client files. Attends training provided by Coastal Georgia AAA. He/she will work approximately 2080 hours on this project.

B. Financial Management System

The contractor maintains financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The scope of their annual audit includes Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Government Auditing Standards, and OMB Circular A-133. A copy of the annual audit will be submitted to the Coastal Regional Commission. Complete supporting documentation is retained, including time sheets, benefits, travel expense reports, invoices, etc. Allowable costs and allocation of those costs are determined by state and federal regulations. All records relative to this program will be available to CRC staff (or the CRC's auditor) during regular office hours.

C. Invoicing (Monthly Reports)

Payment for services rendered under this contract will be made on a unit cost basis. In keeping with generally accepted accounting principles, the contractor will invoice monthly, utilizing a monthly report form provided by the Coastal Regional Commission. The monthly report will be submitted to the CRC by the 7th working day of the month following the report month. The contractor will submit monthly congregate and home-delivered logs prepared by the senior center director/site manager or his/her designee to support the invoice (monthly report form). The monthly reports must be signed by the individual preparing the report (usually the site manager) and an authorized individual as identified below in Section III F of this Annex A. The CRC reserves the right to request other supporting documentation. The Contractor will review and ensure that the report, logs, and supporting documentation are correct, accurate, and in agreement, prior to submission. Incorrect or inaccurate monthly submissions will not meet the terms of this contract, will not be considered a timely submission, and will not be accepted for payment until corrected. Payment for untimely submissions will be made at the discretion of the CRC. The CRC cannot guarantee payment for untimely submissions made more than 45 days after the original submission due date.

D. Fund Source(s) and Match Requirements

Title III (C1) Older Americans Act funding requires a local match of 10%. Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) funding requires a local match of 12%. AoA Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) and Community Based Services (CBS) funding does not require a local match.

The contractor will furnish the required local match. Local match will be expended/recorded by the contractor monthly in an amount not less than 10% of the total monthly Title III (C1) expenditures and not less than 12% of the total monthly SSBG expenditures. (See Annex I)

E. Budget

The total amount of this contract is **\$275,901.52** including local match, program income and other local funds.

This is a unit cost contract, and the unit cost is:

- **\$10.34 for congregate meals**
- **\$12.17 for home delivered meals**

For information purposes, the Uniform Cost Methodology Spreadsheet used to establish this unit cost is on file at the CRC and is attached as Annex H. The maximum amount paid to the contractor will be the total federal and state funds as specified in Section IIID of this Annex A. No additional funds will be paid, regardless of the number of units provided. Additional costs are the responsibility of the contractor.

If the contract amount increases or decreases, a formal modification, signed by the CRC Executive Director, is required.

F. Person(s) Authorized to Sign Monthly Reports (Invoices)

The following person(s) are authorized to sign the Monthly Report Form:

Typed or Printed Name	Title	Signature
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DHS - Division of Aging Services
Area Plan Budget Summary by Service - Provider

SFY: 2026 Amendment 1 (02-09-2026)

AAA: Coastal Georgia Region AAA

Area Plan Version 1 - Approved (ActiveVersion)

Fund Source	Federal	State	SubTotal (Payable)	Match	Total	Program Income	Other Source	Total Amount	Units	Unit Cost	# Served
Provider: Effingham County Senior Citizens Center											
Program: HCBS - Nutrition Services											
Service: Home Delivered Meals						HCBS - Nutrition Services					
CBS - HCBS State (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$26,202.10	\$26,202.10	\$0.00	\$26,202.10	\$0.00	\$12.08	\$26,214.18	2,154.00	\$12.17	9
NSIP - State (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$26,836.52	\$26,836.52	\$0.00	\$26,836.52	\$0.00	\$10.50	\$26,847.02	2,206.00	\$12.17	9
OAA Title III C2 - Home Delivered Meals (Unit Cost)	\$81,864.31	\$4,815.55	\$86,679.86	\$9,631.10	\$96,310.96	\$4,000.00	\$6.35	\$100,317.31	8,243.00	\$12.17	33
Other (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,805.09	\$5,805.09	477.00	\$12.17	2
Service Total:	\$81,864.31	\$57,854.17	\$139,718.48	\$9,631.10	\$149,349.58	\$4,000.00	\$5,834.02	\$159,183.60	13,080.00		
Program: HCBS - Senior Centers											
Service: Congregate Meals						HCBS - Senior Centers					
CBS - HCBS State (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$26,630.00	\$26,630.00	\$0.00	\$26,630.00	\$0.00	\$5.84	\$26,635.84	2,576.00	\$10.34	10
NSIP - State (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$13,734.00	\$13,734.00	\$0.00	\$13,734.00	\$0.00	\$7.86	\$13,741.86	1,329.00	\$10.34	6
OAA Title III C1 - Congregate Meals (Unit Cost)	\$53,994.35	\$3,176.14	\$57,170.49	\$6,352.28	\$63,522.77	\$5,600.00	\$0.13	\$69,122.90	6,685.00	\$10.34	27
Other (Unit Cost)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,217.32	\$7,217.32	698.00	\$10.34	3
Service Total:	\$53,994.35	\$43,540.14	\$97,534.49	\$6,352.28	\$103,886.77	\$5,600.00	\$7,231.15	\$116,717.92	11288.00		
Provider Total:	\$135,858.66	\$101,394.31	\$237,252.97	\$15,983.38	\$253,236.35	\$9,600.00	\$13,065.17	\$275,901.52	24368.00		