



*Programs and Services for Senior Adults in Cleveland County*

March 7, 2013

Norman City Council  
City Hall  
Norman, OK

RE: Contract #K-0708-29 (not to exceed \$7,500) with Aging Services Inc. for the Operation of the Kiwanis Kruiser Transportation Program for Senior Adults and Adults with Disabilities

On the evening of February 20, 2013, I made a presentation to the Finance Committee of the City Council regarding the funding level of the Contract #K-0708-29 with Aging Services Inc. for the operation of the Kiwanis Kruiser Transportation Program for senior adults and adults with disabilities. At the time of the meeting I made the Committee aware of the fact that Aging Services Inc. had drawn down the complete amount of our current FY13 contract and was already in arrears as of 2/8/13. The committee asked me to come up with a figure that would be necessary to continue operations through the end of this fiscal year. So, we took the bus to the city garage and had the staff there look over the vehicle and make recommendations as to what amount of funds they feel would be needed to keep the vehicle in good operating order and full of fuel. The city garage staff has estimated that we will need an additional \$4,300 to \$5,200 to finish out this fiscal year. These figures include \$800-\$1200 for anticipated maintenance charges and \$3,500 to \$4,000 for gasoline. We have reviewed our budget and feel that Aging Services can contribute \$700 towards this expense from our current funds.

Aging Services Inc is requesting an addendum to our current contract in the amount of \$4,500 and we are also requesting that the FY14 contract amount be increased to \$13,000 to allow us to continue to operate this important transportation service for senior adults and disabled adults.

From 7/1/12 through 12/31/12, The Kiwanis Kruiser provided 2,283 one way rides to a pool of 141 senior adults and adult with disabilities. The Kiwanis Kruiser is operated on demand response system and riders are picked up at their front door, taken to their chosen destination and returned to their homes. Our drivers make a point of going the extra mile to help our frail and disabled riders. The Kruiser is also used to help Full Circle Life Enrichment Center transport their participants to activities in the Norman area. Riders are asked to make a \$1.25 donation per one way rider or \$2.50 for a round trip ride. However, no one is denied a ride due to their inability to make a donation.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wilson, Executive Director