



Monterey County

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Support approval of a resolution authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget to increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,411,981 for the Social Services -Area Agency on Aging's Fund 001, Appropriations Unit SOC010 FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget to provide funding to various programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Budget Committee:

Support approval of a resolution authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget, Social Services - Area Agency on Aging, fund 001, Appropriation Unit SOC 010, increasing appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,411,981 to provide funding to various programs.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Department is requesting an increase in appropriations and estimated revenues for additional funding allocated by the California Department of Aging (CDA) to Monterey County Department of Social Services Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the amount of \$1,411,981 for new programs, additional funding for existing programs, and unspent funds from the prior fiscal year. See attachment A, AAA listing for funding.

CDA issued out four new programs under Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) with funding of \$588,858 with the term of 7/01/22-12/31/24 for: a) Senior Legal Services to provide legal assistance and community education for older adults; b) Family Caregiver Support to provide caregiver support services via public information, community education, outreach, counseling and support groups; c) Intergenerational Activities to provide intergeneration activities to build healthy relationships between family members, promoting greater understanding and respect between generations while also strengthening older adults' recovery and resilience from the isolation and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and d) Dignity at Home Fall Prevention to provide fall and injury prevention information, education, referral services, equipment, assessments, materials and labor cost.

CDA also issued emergency funding after the FY 2022-23 Budget was developed for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for a term of 4/1/21-9/30/24 to provide disaster relief for older individuals in the amount of \$688,255 for COVID-19 vaccination, outreach, education, communication, transportation, and mitigation of activities to facilitate vaccination to older individuals; and prevention and mitigation activities focused on addressing extended social isolation among older individuals, including activities for investment in technological equipment and solutions to alleviate the negative health effects of social isolation due to long-term stay-at-home recommendations for older individual for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

This funding has a 25% required match. The agencies receiving the funding will cover the match, and the AAA will absorb the required administrative match (\$33,461) within their current General Fund Budget.

Additionally, CDA increased their current year program allocations on existing programs by \$126,108 for various Title III and Title VII programs such as: The Ombudsman program, nutrition programs, legal services to seniors, caregivers support, community education, outreach, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy services, and provided renewed funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program that provides older adults and adults with disabilities comprehensive resource information, referrals, and transitional services.

Lastly, there are six grants with unspent funding from the prior fiscal year in the amount of \$8,760 where terms are ending August/September 2022 for: a) Vaccine funds to ensure that vulnerable and underserved populations have access to COVID-19; b) Consolidated Appropriation Act (CAA) for COVID relief efforts and related services; c) Social Security Act (SSA) to enhance and improve Ombudsman program services; d) Robotic Companion Pets Project to combat loneliness and social isolation; e) Aging and Disability Resource Connect (ADRC) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to conduct rapid assessment and supporting access to existing long-term services and supports; and f) Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) to enhance outreach and enrollment assistance to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. There is a 25% match requirement (\$4,402) on the CAA Administration, which the AAA will absorb within their General Fund Budget.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrator's Office - Budget Office concurs with these actions.

FINANCING:

The Area Agency on Aging has received additional allocations of \$1,411,981 from CDA for new and existing programs that were not known at the time the FY 2022-23 Budget was developed.

Two of these programs have a required match. The ARPA funding requires a 25% match on both program and administration dollars. The agencies who receive the program funding will be required to meet their own match and the AAA will absorb the required match of \$33,461 on administration using the existing General Fund Contributions within the AAA Budget. The second program, CAA, has a 25% match on administration of \$4,402, which will also be absorbed within the AAA Budget.

The Department recommends increasing appropriations and estimated revenues of 1,411,981 for the Social Services - Area Agency on Aging's Fund, 001, Appropriations Unit SOC010 FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. This is a combination of various federal and state funding allocation by the California Department of Aging for new programs, additional funding for existing programs, and adding appropriations for those grants whose terms rolled over into the new fiscal year and were not budgeted in this fiscal year. The majority of this funding will be used to increase sub-recipients' agreements. See attachment A, for the itemized listing of funding. The budget unit has no change to the existing General Fund Contributions.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This proposed action correlates to the Administration and Health and Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to accept additional funding from the State to expand existing programs provided by the Area Agency on Aging and to assist with additional costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments: AAA Appropriations Listing