



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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- a. Approve and authorize the Director or the Assistant Director of the Department of Social Services to execute standard funding agreements and amendments for continued funding from state agencies for designated programs on behalf of the County for the period of April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Military and Veterans Affairs Officer to execute standard funding agreements and amendments for continued funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of the County for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Social Services has several programs supported with federal and state funds on a continuing basis that require separate state agreements for various funding cycles. In preparing the FY 2024-25 Requested Budget, the Department has compiled a list (Attachment A) of federal and state programs currently receiving funds. These programs expect continued funding through FY 2024-25 and Calendar Year (CY) 2025. The state agencies administering these funds may require an application, and all require a signed agreement to be returned within 30 days of receipt of the standard state agreement.

There are various agreements from the California Department of Aging that fund non-profit agencies providing senior support services such as: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy; Ombudsman services; family caregiver support; home-delivered and congregate meals; nutrition education; transportation; legal assistance; information, referral and assistance; health promotion. The Department recommends approval of the following agreements:

- a) The Title III/VII agreement funded under the Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 estimated at \$2,930,848;
- b) The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) agreement that provides education and information on health insurance for seniors for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 estimated at \$330,430 and the period of April, 2025 through March 31 2026 estimated at \$330,430;
- c) The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) provides enhanced outreach and enrollment assistance to eligible Medicare beneficiaries regarding Medicare

benefits for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 estimated at \$48,927; and d) The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) agreement that provides a central agency to help older adults and persons with disabilities navigate between different types of service providers to meet their multiple needs for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 estimated at \$290,094.

The California Department of Community Services and Development contracts with the Community Action Partnership as a pass-through agency for these federal funds. This agreement provides funding to our community non-profit programs for services to low-income individuals and families to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and empower families to achieve greater self-sufficiency. The agreement for the term January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 is for a total of \$499,164 and the agreement for the term January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 is estimated at \$499,164. Additionally, there is a discretionary funding agreement in the amount of \$26,000 for the term June 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs contracts with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to distribute Proposition 63 funds for the provision of mental health outreach services to veterans. The funding for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 is estimated at \$135,000.

Approval of the recommended actions allows the Director or the Assistant Director of Social Services and the Military and Veterans Affairs Officer respectively, to apply for, execute applications and execute agreements for renewed funding for designated programs within the State required turnaround of 30 days. These are standardized State agreements for grants awarded under essentially identical terms as prior years. This process reduces the number of annual Board reports and allows for timely submission of applications and State agreements.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel will continue to approve each standard agreement as to form before the Department signs and returns the agreement to the State agency.

FINANCING:

Appropriations and estimated revenues related to Attachment A are included in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget and the FY 2024-25 Requested Budget and for those that have a longer term, those funds will be incorporated into future budget submissions.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This action correlates to the Administration and Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to continue to receive State and federal funding to provide programs and services to the residents of the County and ensure compliance with State submission timelines.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachment: Attachment A