



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This agreement provides legal support services, including: legal assistance and community education for seniors 60 years of age or older; caregiver legal resources to caregivers of any age and provide care and support to a senior age 60 or over; and elder abuse prevention. It is anticipated that 6,870 hours of legal assistance will be provided on behalf seniors in economic and/or social need, including: those with language barriers, social or geographic isolation, Alzheimer's/dementia, and those who are at risk for institutionalization, disabled, Native American, or LGBT. It is anticipated that 70 contacts will be made assisting caregivers, and 36 sessions will be held to educate and train professionals to develop, strengthen, and carry out programs related to elder abuse prevention.

The AAA provides leadership in addressing issues that relate to older Monterey County residents; develops community-based systems of care which support independence, protects the quality of life of older persons and persons with functional impairments; and promotes citizen involvement in the planning and delivery of services. This contract is in alignment with the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the goals of the Monterey County Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The 2016 OAA reauthorizes programs for FY 2017 through FY 2019.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

Funding is provided by the Older Americans Act. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in SOC010 are included in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund contributions.

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Attachment: Legal Services for Seniors agreement 2016-17

Proposed agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report