



## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Alliance on Aging was established in 1970 by a group of concerned local citizens who wanted to help seniors remain safely in their own homes for as long as possible. This volunteer-driven organization is now a multi-purpose senior service agency with over 200 volunteers. The largest non-profit provider of senior services in Monterey County, the Alliance on Aging serves over 7,000 individuals every year.

This Agreement provides the following: 1) Bilingual/bicultural (English/Spanish) outreach to seniors throughout all of Monterey County to inform and enroll this most isolated and frail population into available services. 2) Ombudsman services designed to protect the elderly in Skilled Nursing Facilities and licensed residential care facilities for the elderly by investigating complaints, facilitating resolutions, monitoring facilities, and providing training to program volunteers. 3) Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Services (HICAP) and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) services that provide extensive assistance to seniors applying for and maintaining Medicare insurance.

This Agreement was awarded to the Alliance on Aging through a formal Request For Proposal (RFP #10606) process in April 2017 and is in alignment with the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA), originally enacted in 1965, and designed to support various community-based services for seniors and caregivers. The Monterey County Department of Social Services has been designated to oversee the use of these funds through a contract agreement with the California Department of Aging.

### 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 and the California Department of Aging. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in SOC010 are included in the FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by working towards the goals of improving health and quality of life outcomes by providing outreach and supportive services to seniors.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development

Administration

X Health & Human Services

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Attachments: Alliance on Aging agreement 2018-19

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