



## Board Report

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- 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 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

### 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 2021-22 Recommended Budget, the Department has compiled a list (Attachment A) of federal and state programs currently receiving funds. These programs expect continued funding through FY 2021-22 and Calendar Year (CY) 2022. 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; and outreach within Monterey County. 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 estimated at \$2,150,421;
- b) The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) agreement that provides education and information on health insurance for seniors for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 estimated at \$320,757;
- 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, 2021 through September 29, 2022 estimated at \$29,401;
- d) The Supplemental Nutrition Program Education (SNAP-Ed) agreement that provides nutritional education and exercise activities to seniors for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 estimated at \$82,322;
- e) 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 March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 estimated at \$447,950; and

f) The Falls Prevention Program agreement that works to reduce the number of debilitating falls suffered by older adults and persons with disabilities for the period of February 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 estimated at \$143,750.

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. This funding is received on a calendar year cycle and the current CY 2021 agreement is for a total of \$500,384. The Department recommends approval for CY 2022 estimated at \$515,841 for the terms January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a discretionary funding agreement in the amount of \$28,250 for the term June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

In addition, the California Department of Housing and Community Development has allocated funds to counties for the purpose of housing stability to help young adults 16 to 21 years of age secure and maintain housing, with priority given to foster or probation youth. The current allocations are for the following programs:

a) The Transitional Housing Program (THP) provides placement opportunities for youth in foster care between the ages of 16 and 18 to help them emancipate successfully. The current allocation from January 22, 2021 through June 30, 2022 is \$145,600; and

b) The Housing Navigation Program (HNP) provides housing navigation support to help young adults ages 18 to 21 maintain housing with priority given to those in the foster care system. The current allocation for the period February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2023 is \$34,595.

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, 2020 through June 30, 2022 is estimated at \$94,440.

Approval of the recommended actions allows the 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 2021-22 Adopted Budget and will be incorporated into the FY 2022-23 Budget process.

#### 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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Attachments: Attachment A