



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Older Adults Recovery and Resilience (OARR) funding for the Older Californians Nutrition Program (OCNP) and intergenerational activities provides \$20.7 million statewide of one-time funding over three years, to Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to strengthen older adult's recovery and resilience from the severe isolation and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OARR funding is intended to support AAAs, their Nutrition Program service providers and others in developing partnerships and efforts for the implementation of intergenerational activities that connect OCNP participants with younger generations.

Additionally, due to the pandemic, the need for home-delivered, nutritious meals has increased dramatically. The OARR funding is also intended to support AAAs and their service providers in serving more meals to more older adults to help bridge the significant food gap that exists statewide.

The Monterey County AAA plans to utilize its allocation of the OARR funding in the amount of \$973,557, to provide more meals to more older adults and create intergenerational activities that promote greater understanding and respect between generations, build healthy relationships and bonds between family members, and support the goal of connecting older adults with children, youth, and adults. Examples of activities that Monterey County AAA plans to implement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Develop partnerships and collaborative efforts with programs serving children to foster intergenerational connections between older adults and children.
- Collaborate with programs serving meals to children to promote intergenerational socialization among the participants.
- Develop intergenerational cooking demonstrations or classes to support and promote healthy eating habits and nutritional education.
- Host in-person companion luncheons for OCNP participants to socialize with children, youths, or adults while enjoying a meal.

This agreement is coming to the Board after the effective date as the Department just recently received it from the State.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

This agreement allocates \$973,557 to the Department. The Department has received support from the Budget Committee on August 31, 2022 for the requested appropriation increases and will be returning to the Board on September 20, 2022 with a separate report that will include this allocation for Social Services - Area Agency on Aging's Budget Unit 001-5010-SOC010.

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 access to resources and individualized assistance to residents of Monterey County.

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: Agreement

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