

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 7**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF OLDER ADULT SERVICES REVENUE AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAMS SERVING OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) serves as the region's federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and administers programs focused on the safety and well-being of older adults and persons with disabilities. These services align with the Aging Roadmap, the County regional plan to ensure the region has programs and communities that equitably support the needs and leverage the contributions of all older adults in the county. On May 2, 2023 (4), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 revenue agreements to fund various programs that support older adults and persons with disabilities, allowing them to remain safely in their homes and access needed community resources. Subsequently, on January 23, 2024 (2), the Board approved an additional FY 2023-24 revenue agreement to further support and expand these programs and services. These programs and services support the goals and objectives established in the AIS 2024-2028 Area Plan, approved by the Board on April 9, 2024 (6). Required by the Older Americans Act (OAA), the AIS Area Plan 2024-2028 details how AIS will utilize funds received through the OAA to provide services that meet the identified needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers throughout the county.

The California Department of Aging is transitioning from revenue agreements to a multi-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the Area Plan and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Program and intends to transition to an MOU for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. The process for this transition is currently underway, however it is not yet known when the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program MOU will be finalized. This item requests the Board authorize acceptance of \$33,284,979 of federal and State revenue agreements, MOU, and grants for FY 2024-25 to support these programs and services.

If approved, today's action would authorize acceptance of funding through revenue agreements, MOU, and grants, and authorize Clerk of the Board to execute revenue agreements, MOU, and grants upon receipt, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to pursue future funding opportunities.

This action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring the County will continue to receive federal, State, and other funding to administer necessary programs and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery of grants and revenue contracts.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute, upon receipt, the following revenue agreements, memorandum of understanding, and grants:
  - California Department of Aging Agreements
    - Older Californians Act Modernization (OM-2223-23 & NM-2324-23)
    - Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HI-2425-23)
    - CalFresh Expansion and SNAP-Ed/CalFresh Healthy Living (CF-2223-23)
    - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MS-2425-07)
  - California Department of Aging Memorandum of Understanding for Area Plan services, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Programs (AAA-2425-23)
  - San Diego Gas & Electric (Cool Zone program)
  - Partners in Care Foundation
  - Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System (Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program)
  - San Diego State University Research Foundation/Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program
  - University of California San Diego - Dementia Aware
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to execute all required documents related to the revenue agreements, memorandum of understanding, and grants in Recommendation 2, including any extensions, amendments or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or the funding level.
4. Authorize acceptance of the grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service for the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for future funding opportunities that support programs serving older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

There are approximately 710,000 San Diegans over the age of 60, and by 2030, that number is expected to grow to more than 850,000. Additionally, the population over the age of 85 in San Diego County is projected to diversify and grow faster than any other age group. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) provides a wide array of services to meet the needs of this growing population and ensures the welfare of older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities. Community input regarding resources, services, and programs related to funding sources included in today's request began in Fall 2023. AIS conducted 17 community feedback sessions with older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities, and service providers across a range of topic areas and localities throughout the county for programs and services included in the Aging Roadmap and Area Plan. Many underserved communities including people of color, individuals with limited English proficiency, LGBTQI+ individuals, persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related

dementias, and low-income individuals provided input to AIS during feedback sessions. Additionally, AIS conducted a public hearing on March 11, 2024 for the Area Plan, where services recipients and other members of the public provided input on the resources, services, and programs related to many of the funding sources included in today's request. Translation services for the feedback sessions and public hearing were made available in county threshold languages. AIS also advertised the public hearing in all of the county threshold languages.

AIS will continue to seek community input and feedback through public hearings held annually during the annual update of the Area Plan, a planning document required by the Older Americans Act (OAA), detailing how AIS will utilize funds received through the OAA to provide services that meet the identified needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers throughout the county. Community input and collaboration are also obtained through Aging Roadmap community teams, comprised of community members, subject matter experts, and County staff to develop and implement goals in the 10 priority areas of the Aging Roadmap. Today's recommendations will allow the County to continue administering vital programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, improving the quality of life for equity-seeking groups of all ages, including Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, persons with disabilities, immigrants, and the LGBTQI+ community.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Working with partners to improve and expand programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities will advance the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. Specifically, programs and services provided with this funding allow older adults and persons with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and access necessary community resources. Additionally, the funded programs help meet the needs of caregivers, reduce isolation, and increase social connections. These efforts are designed to improve the overall health and well-being and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals, and the community at large, who include younger generations today and as they age.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$34,018,262 and revenue of \$33,284,979 in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are:

- State General Fund, Federal Medicaid Program;
- Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act;
- Older Californians Act Modernization;
- Federal and State Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program;
- Federal SNAP-ED/CalFresh - Healthy Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
- Partners In Care Foundation;
- San Diego Gas & Electric;
- Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System;
- San Diego State University Research Foundation;
- Corporation for National & Community Service; and
- University of California San Diego.

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. B-29 costs are \$733,283 for FY 2024-25 and will be funded with existing General Purpose Revenue allocated for these programs. The public benefit for providing these services, which allow older adults and those with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and access resources, far outweighs these costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
by Andrew Potter