



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 19, 2013
Board Meeting Date: September 10, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Agreement No. H9-1314-08 with the California Department of Aging

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Aging to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program funds of the Older Americans Act, for the term of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$205,064.

BACKGROUND:

Every four years your Board, as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of San Mateo County, is required to submit an Area Plan for aging services to the California Department of Aging (CDA). The State also requires that counties submit annual updates identifying revised goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year in order to claim their allotted Older American Act (OAA) funds, which are determined through a statewide formula. The plan provides a profile of the County's senior population, identifies activities to improve and expand existing services, as well as to develop new programs designed to address current countywide needs, and recommends services to be funded with San Mateo County's OAA allocations. On April 9, 2013, your Board approved the AAA FY 2013-14 Update of the Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities. This plan, together with the annual budget, fulfills CDA's requirements and generates a contract from CDA for funding.

Due to the Federal Sequester and corresponding reporting requirements of the State, CDA has separated the annual allocation for this agreement into two contracts; one for the term July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 and the second for the term April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. This agreement is for the 9-month term of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. A second agreement with CDA for the remaining term will be provided to your Board in the future.

DISCUSSION:

Funds for the OAA Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) are used to subsidize a volunteer-supported program that provides three basic services: community education, lay counseling, and advocacy related to Medicare. HICAP is an integral component of California's community-based long-term care system. Medicare beneficiaries, those under 65 who are about to become eligible for Medicare, and those who are disabled and on Medicare are eligible for HICAP services. Locally, the program is designed to carry out goals and objectives of the Area Plan related to advocacy and health care.

Aging and Adult Services (AAS) requests your Board to authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing OAA HICAP funding which will allow AAS to provide HICAP services to eligible recipients in FY 2013-14. It is anticipated that 75% of HICAP service recipients will feel that they have gained useful knowledge regarding their Medicare coverage as a result of the HICAP services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of HICAP service recipients that feel that they have gained useful knowledge regarding their Medicare coverage as a result of HICAP services	75%	75%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$205,064. These funds have been included in the AAS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost.