



SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**Department of Disability
and Aging Services**

Overview of the Dignity Fund

DAS Advisory Council 1/21/25



Agenda

- History of the Dignity Fund
- Dignity Fund Overview
 - Special Fund
 - Planning, Allocation, Evaluation Processes
 - Oversight and Advisory Committee



History of the Dignity Fund

History of Proposition I

Pioneer a local initiative to ensure **stable, equitable, community-based services** for older adults and people with disabilities.

- Dignity Fund Coalition
 - Representatives from over 50 community-based organizations and advocates
- Proposition I (November 2016 election)
 - Passed with 67% of vote
 - Introduced by Supervisor Malia Cohen (D10) and supported by 8 other BOS members and Mayor Lee
 - Implementation ordinance sponsors: Supervisor Cohen and Supervisor Norman Yee (D7)

Dignity Fund Overview

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- **Creates special fund (“Dignity Fund”)**
 - Requires City contribution (\$38M baseline to grow by \$33M over 10 years)
 - Allows unspent funding to roll into following year
- **Establishes planning and allocation process**
 - Including Community Needs Assessment and Services and Allocation Plan
- **Creates Oversight and Advisory Committee**
 - Advised by the Service Provider Working Group



Eligible Services

- Home and community-based **long-term care and support**
- **Food and nutrition** programs
- **Consumer and caregiver education**, empowerment, and support
- **Community service centers** and other community-based programs
- **Empowerment, self-advocacy, and legal services** programs
- **Health and wellness** promotion
- **Targeted services**
- **DF administration**, including staffing and technical assistance

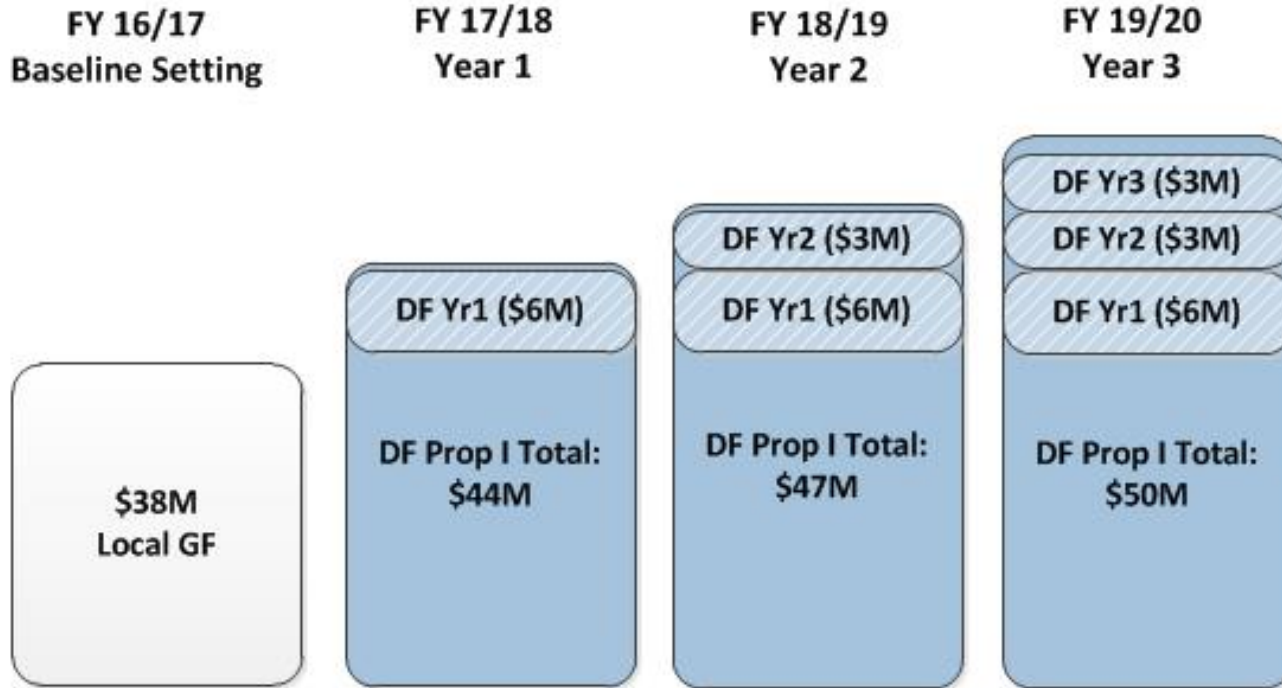
Ineligible Services

- **Services provided by SFPD or other law enforcement agencies**, courts, the DA, PD, CAT, SFFD, etc.
- Services that **benefit older and disabled adults only incidentally**
- **Services realigned by the State or requiring minimum expenditure** and funded by state/federal law (e.g., APS, IHSS, etc.)
- Purchase of **land, property, or housing construction**
- **Medical services**, including services provided by hospitals and long-term care institutions



Special Fund

Dignity Fund Legislated Growth



Dignity Fund as part of a broader portfolio of funding

Budget Sources for Dignity Fund-eligible Services

Dignity Fund
baseline =
mandated
base +
growth

Dignity Fund-
eligible = All
dollars used to
deliver DF-
eligible services

Budget Category	FY 2023-24	Notes on Revenue Sources
DF baseline	\$56,084,027	Mandated by DF legislation
Supplemental General Fund	\$40,598,146	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Fund• Community Living Fund• Mayoral Initiatives• BOS Addbacks
State + Federal grants	\$13,875,971	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CA Dept of Aging• Fed/State C19 Relief
Accumulated DF savings	\$21,203,830	Made possible by the DF
Total	\$131,761,974	



What is the Dignity Fund?

Revenue stream to support eligible services for seniors and adults with disabilities

Prop I Set Aside

*Required contribution
outlined in City Charter*



"Super Funding"

*Additional funding beyond
legislated required level*



Dignity Fund

Planning, Allocation, Evaluation Processes



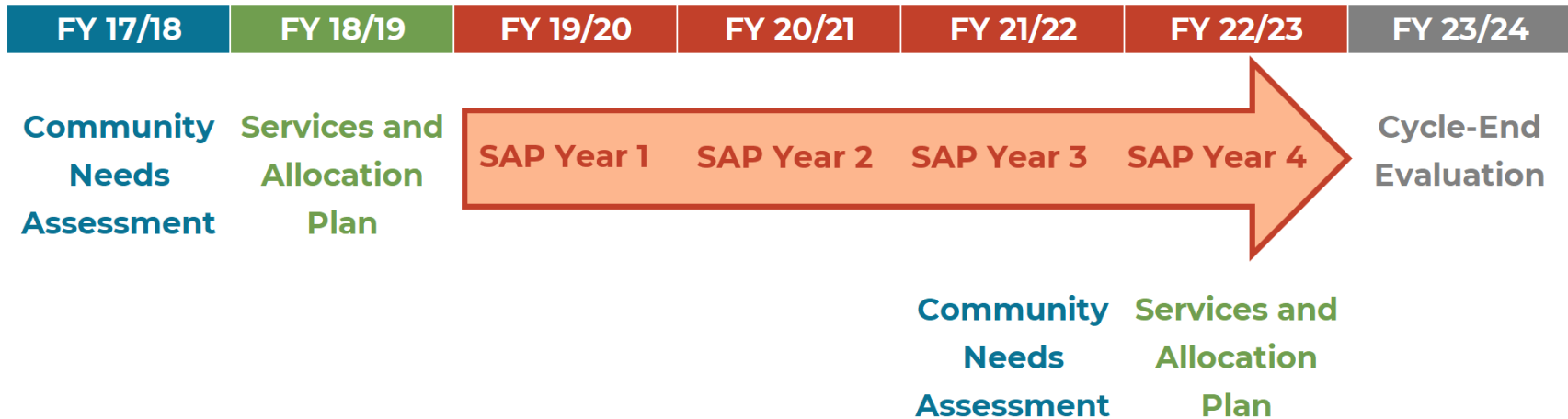
Dignity Fund Cycle Overview

The Dignity Fund charter amendment outlines a **planning, funding, and evaluation cycle that repeats every four years**. This cycle is anchored by a:

- **Community Needs Assessment:** Identifies service needs — including equity issues and areas of unmet need — among San Francisco older adults, adults with disabilities, caregivers, and veterans
- **Services and Allocation Plan:** Outlines program priorities and how Dignity Fund money will be used to address community needs over the next four years
- **Cycle-End Evaluation:** Assesses the impact of the Dignity Fund over the prior four-year funding period



Planning - Overview of Dignity Fund Cycle for FY 2019-20 to FY 2022-23



Contract Schedule Timeline

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Planning Activity	CNA	SAP			CNA	SAP		
Cycle A • Case Management & Care Navigation • Community Connection & Engagement		*	4 Year Contract Term			*		
Cycle B • Access & Empowerment • Caregiver Support • Housing Support			*	4 Year Contract Term			*	
Cycle C • Nutrition & Wellness • Self-Care & Safety				*	4 Year Contract Term			*

* Procurement process



Oversight and Advisory Committee



OAC Role & Responsibility

- Advisory body to the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
- Provide input into:
 - Community Needs Assessment (CNA)
 - Services and Allocation Plan (SAP)
- Review the annual data and evaluation report
- *Establish and maintain a Service Providers Working Group*
- *Meet at least 6 times per year*





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Questions?

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