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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION

**THROUGH:** SHIREEN MCSPADDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES**

### Introduction

The Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) seeks approval from the Disability and Aging Services Commission for the receipt and use of federal funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The California Department of Aging, administering these funds from the state level, has allocated **\$1,971,424** directly to the City and County San Francisco's Department of Disability and Aging Services for use in support of Older Americans Act programs.

Presentation of this allocation before the Disability and Aging Services Commission for approval is requested in order to meet City fiscal guidelines for receipt and use of this funding.

### Background

In March 2020, Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In addition to other funding allocations, the CARES Act included \$955,000,000 nationally to support programs for older adults. California's share is \$83,500,000, which is administered at the state level by the California Department of Aging (CDA).

California Department of Aging (CDA) utilized the interstate funding formula to determine funding allocations to each of the 33 Area Agencies on Aging in California. Application of this formula determined San Francisco's allocation to be **\$1,971,424**. CDA has provided

proposed allocation of funding among Older Americans Act programs (e.g. \$1,200,728 for Home Delivered Nutrition) but is also allowing for re-allocation of this funding among these programs at the local level in order to best meet current needs.

The California Department of Aging (CDA) continues to encourage quick and effective use of these funds in response to community needs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. As part of this commitment, CDA has allocated funds directly to all Area Agencies on Aging in check form and has waived usual requirements related to completion of contracts and/or amendments between CDA and Area Agencies on Aging for receipt of funding.

When utilizing this funding, DAS will still meet regular CDA requirements related to reporting on expenditures including demonstration that funding is used appropriately and in accordance with all applicable guidelines. These funds are available for expenditure until September 30, 2021.

### **DAS Use of CARES Funding**

The Department of Disability and Aging Services intends to use the bulk of these funds to support continued increased needs and costs in operation of congregate and home delivered meal programs for older adults. A smaller portion of the funding will go to support the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) which has expanded and adapted program services to meet shelter-in-place and public health and safety guidelines.

Changing health and safety orders stemming from coronavirus concerns resulted in major changes to DAS funded congregate meal programs. Community congregate dining remains closed and services continue through either safe distribution of to-go meals or home delivery. Increased costs related to continuity of these modified operations and sustained increased demand for nutrition services has resulted in the need of additional funding to support ongoing program operations.

Coronavirus response by the DAS funded Family Caregiver Support Program has included development of new programming to address caregiver health and safety and provide additional counseling and support for caregivers. Program offerings have been shifted to online and phone options to be as inclusive as possible; language capacity among services has been expanded as well. CARES Act funding will go towards continuation of these efforts through the current fiscal year.

**Recommended Action: Approve the receipt of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the amount of \$1,971,424 for use in support of Department of Disability and Aging services for older adults.**