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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel Little, Director, Social Services Agency

SUBJECT: FY 2024-2025 Senior Nutrition Program OAA Funding Application

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to the submission of grant applications to Sourcewise for Older Americans Act of 1965 Funding for Senior Nutrition Program Services.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit a grant application to Sourcewise relating to grant funding for Congregate Meals Program services in the amount of \$1,829,755 for period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- b. Approve delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit a grant application to Sourcewise relating to grant funding for fresh and frozen Home-Delivered Meals services in the amount of \$1,036,038 for period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- c. Approve delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit a grant application to Sourcewise relating to grant funding for hot or fresh Home-Delivered Meals Services in the amount of \$250,000 for period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no negative impact to the County General Fund as a result of the Recommended Action.

If the maximum grant funding requested is approved by Sourcewise, the County of Santa Clara will receive Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) funding in the amount of \$1,286,038 for the Home-Delivered Meals Programs and \$1,829,755 for the Congregate Meals Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. The OAA Funding award, if received, will be requested at a later Board meeting through an appropriation modification. A County match of 11.11% is required by the Federal government under Title III of the OAA to receive the funding and no additional County funds are required. The match of 11.11% (\$346,165) is part of the Agency's operating budget and included in the FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget.

CONTRACT HISTORY

Federal regulations pursuant to Title III of the OAA establish procedures for allocating money to states for various senior services under the OAA. States then establish allocation mechanisms to the various Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) within the state. In turn, these AAAs award monies via contracts and/or grants to carry out the mission of the OAA.

Sourcewise is the County of Santa Clara's designated Area Agency on Aging. As the County's AAA, Sourcewise distributes federal and state funding for various senior services, including the Congregate Meals Program and the Home-Delivered Meals Program.

Per the OAA, Sourcewise must develop and release a comprehensive Area Plan that describes its strategies for developing coordinated and accessible home and community-based systems of care to address the needs of and develop services for older adults within Santa Clara County. Subsequently, OAA funding for these systems of care, including senior nutrition services, are open to the public via a competitive bid-process.

On April 8, 2024, Sourcewise released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Older Americans Act of 1965 Funding for the Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Programs. The Social Services Agency (SSA) Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) will submit a response application for FY 2024-2025 on the application deadline of May 7, 2024. Service is expected to begin July 1, 2024.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

SSA requests that the Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit the grant application for the Congregate Meals Program and Home Delivered Meals Programs by the submission date of May 7, 2024. Due to the short timeline for these RFPs, flexibility through the delegation authority will allow SSA to adequately prepare, modify, and submit comprehensive and competitive proposals.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy 5.6.5.1(B)(3), the Board must review and approve competitive grant applications and any resulting contracts that have a total value of over \$250,000.00.

SNP has provided meals to eligible seniors 60 years of age and older in the County of Santa Clara since 1974. The goals of SNP and the OAA are to reduce hunger and food insecurity, promote socialization, increase the health and well-being of older adults, and delay adverse health conditions by improving access to nutritious meals and other services.

The Congregate Meals Program provides older adults with nutritious and healthy meals at 37 nutrition sites throughout the County. Each meal provides one-third of the daily reference intake for an older adult. Further, daily lunches at nutrition sites allow participants the opportunity to socialize with one another and access exercise programs, classes, and other activities at the site.

The Home-Delivered Meals Program serves the homebound and isolated seniors of the County. Through Home-Delivered Meals, older adults receive either: (1) weekly deliveries of 14 meals (five frozen lunch/dinner entrées, a salad entrée, a sandwich or wrap, and seven breakfasts) supplemented with milk, bread, juice, and other grocery items; (2) five daily hot

home-delivered meals; or (3) a weekly delivery of five fresh meals.

The Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Programs are essential safety-net services that allows participants to remain independent in their own homes and communities.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors. If approved for funding SNP will continue to provide nutritious meals to older adult age 60 and older. Furthermore, services will be targeted to those with the greatest social and economic needs with particular attention to older adults who are live in rural areas, are low-income minority individuals, have limited English-proficiency, or have Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Negative action will result in SSA's inability to receive OAA Funding for FY 2024-2025 and service levels for the County's Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals Programs will have to be significantly reduced.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board is requested to notify Jennifer Kelly and Vandana Puri from the SSA.