



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 7/19/2022

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Sonoma County Aging and Disability Resource Connection Funding from the State of California Department of Aging

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of the Human Services Department to execute contract #AD-2223-17 with the State of California Department of Aging to receive funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection for a total amount of \$219,336 with a period of performance from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Executive Summary:

The Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), in partnership with Disability Services & Legal Center (DSLCL), was designated as an Emerging Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) by the State of California Department of Aging (CDA) in January 2021. The CDA has allocated an ADRC Infrastructure grant of \$219,336 to the Sonoma County AAA for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 as the fiscal lead in partnership with DSLCL.

Discussion:

Services for older adults and people with disabilities are provided by a broad and somewhat fragmented array of agencies throughout Sonoma County. The ADRC "No Wrong Door" model aims to improve access to services by bringing together a network of partner agencies to implement a system of "warm hand-off" referrals across service providers. By providing centralized access via a single-entry point, the ADRC's person-centered approach addresses the barriers of navigating complex services and programs across multiple organizations.

California ADRCs are led by a core partnership between a County's AAA and the County's designated Independent Living Center (ILC). In Sonoma County, the AAA is operated within the Adult and Aging Division of the Human Services Department, and the ILC is managed by DSLCL. The Sonoma County ADRC project, now officially called the Sonoma County Aging & Disability Resource Hub (ADRH), is currently being expanded to include an array of extended partner organizations from the aging and disability community to join the ADRC's No Wrong Door services network in Sonoma County.

In FY 2021-2022 (Year 1 of ADRC development and implementation), the focus was on developing the service delivery model and creating a shared vision of the No Wrong Door model among partners in the aging and disability network. The focus in Year 2 will include expanding the network of extended community partners in

the Sonoma County ADRH network and meeting the state benchmarks to become a fully designated ADRC, a designation which will also position the ADRH for increased funding amounts in the future. The Sonoma County Adult and Aging Division and DSLC are preparing to submit an application for full designation status in July 2022.

The ADRC program is a long-term, ongoing program based on a national model with support at both the federal and state levels, including historical precedence for annual funding renewal as well as future allocations in the state budget; the Governor’s Enacted Budget for FY 2021-22 included permanent, ongoing multi-million-dollar allocations for ADRC grants, and the ADRC program is also strongly aligned with the state’s Master Plan for Aging.

The ADRC grant will partially fund an existing Program Planning and Evaluation Analyst (PPEA) position (0.16 full-time equivalent (FTE) at \$30,956 salary plus benefits) in the Human Services Department who will serve as the ADRC Coordinator for the Sonoma County AAA; the cost for this PPEA is a budgeted expense. Additionally, the grant will partially fund an existing Social Service Worker IV position (0.50 FTE at \$90,000 salary plus benefits) who is focused on Transitions Assistance (facility to home) and Short-Term Service Coordination for expedited access to public benefits in urgent situations.

The grant will also continue to fund a contract with the ADRH core partner, DSLC, in the amount of \$98,380. DSLC is the ILC serving Sonoma County and is the required core partner of the ADRC according to CDA regulations. The DSLC contract does not require Board approval, because it falls under the delegated authority granted to the County’s Purchasing Agent to execute professional service agreements. DSLC has a long history of serving people with disabilities and is uniquely positioned to partner with the Human Services Department AAA in implementing a successful ADRC in Sonoma County.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

July 13, 2021 - Approved Sonoma County Aging and Disability Resource Connection for Fiscal Year 21-22.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY 23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		0	0
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			

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Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The total funding from the California Department of Aging is \$219,336, and appropriations are included in HSD's FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. There is no County General Fund impacted.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

No staff impacts.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - State of California Department of Aging Resolution

Attachment 2 - The State of California Department of Aging Standard Agreement #AD-2223-17

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

AA-DSLC-ADRC-2223 Contract