

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 23, 2023

DEPARTMENT OF AGING
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Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Councilmembers:

REQUEST APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$11,662,220 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (CDA) TO BE USED FOR MODERNIZING THE OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT (OCA) NUTRITION SERVICES UNDER STANDARD AGREEMENT NM-2324-25

The City of Los Angeles Department of Aging (LADOA) requests City Council and Mayoral approval authorization for the receipt of Older Californians Act (OCA) funds totaling \$11,662,220 for the delivery of nutrition services for a grant period beginning July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2029 (with funds distributed in four tranches); approval of the NM-2324-25 Budget and Standard Agreement; and approval to execute contracts for the delivery of nutrition services with service providers, in accordance with ED3. See enclosed the ED3 waiver.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Jaime H. Pacheco-Orozco at (213) 810-4006.

Sincerely,

Jaime H. Pacheco-Orozco

JAIME H. PACHECO-OROZCO
General Manager

JHP:MFRmn:gdh/LADOA Modernization of OCA NM-2324-25Transmittal Council Cover Ltr (Waiver)

cc: Chris Lee, City Attorney
Maria Gutierrez, City Administrative Officer
Susan Oh, Chief Legislative Analyst

TRANSMITTAL

TO Department of Aging	DATE 06/23/2023	COUNCIL FILE NO.
FROM The Mayor	COUNCIL DISTRICT	

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Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 are approved, ED3 review is waived for these items, and this matter is transmitted for City Council approval. Recommendation 2 is not approved and is still subject to ED3 review.



MAYOR
(Chris Thompson for)

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Attention: Legislative Coordinator

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of the LADOA requests that the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of the LADOA, or designee, to accept \$11,662,220 in Older Californians Act (OCA) grant funds from the California Department of Aging (CDA); to authorize the OCA NM-2324-25 Budget; to execute Standard Agreement NM-2223-25 and any unilateral amendments to the subgrant agreement, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to

form and legality, and in compliance with Los Angeles Administrative Code §14.8 et seq. (City grant regulations);

2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the LADOA, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements and amendments with LADOA's service providers as outlined in Attachment 1 with service providers to deliver Nutrition Services for four program years, subject to review by the City attorney as to form and legality;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. To establish a non-interest bearing new Fund titled " Funds for Other Aging Grants & Misc. programs" Fund No. XXX.
 - b. To establish new accounts and appropriate \$1,345,238 within the newly established fund No. XXX, titled "Funds for Other Aging Grants & Misc. programs" to administer MOCA (modernization older californians acts) nutrition services grant for the period ending 03/31/2026.

Fund	Account	Title	Amount
XXXX	02Y102	Aging	93,179
XXXX	02Y299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	41,344
XXXX	02YE11	OCA 2-Brown Bag	80,000
XXXX	02YE12	OCA 2-Groceries	400,000
XXXX	02YE13	OCA 2-Intergenerational Activities	365,357
XXXX	02YE14	OCA 2- III C1 & III C2 Meals	365,358
		Total	1,345,238

- c. Increase the appropriations within Fund Number 100 - Department 02 and transfer funds on an as needed basis (Revenue Source Code 5693) as follows:

Fund	Account	Title	Amount
From: XXXX	02Y102	Aging	93,179
To: 100/02	001010	Salaries - General	93,179

- d. Expend funds upon proper demand of the General Manager of the LADOA or designee;
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the LADOA, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, that are consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers programs that serve older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities throughout the State. These services are provided locally by contracted agencies.

During the Great Recession, funding was significantly reduced or eliminated., leaving the programs authorized but unfunded. Since then, the older adult Californian population, the consumer price index, and inflation rates have continued to increase, and older adults are left behind. Covid 19 made it evident that California's older adults needed access to strong networks of aging and disability services to support home and community living that included robust nutrition programs.

In 2021, a study funded by the California Department of Aging to get a better understanding of the size and scope of unmet need for food assistance by older Californians found that:

- Many older adults in California cannot afford to purchase all of their own meals. Nearly 2.5 million older adults (age 60+ with incomes below the Elder Index income adequacy level) likely struggle to afford ~1.24 billion meals per year in California before accounting for available services.
- COVID-era expansion of food assistance programs shrank that gap to the 370 million meal range. Three of the largest drivers of the reduction in the meal gap from pre-COVID to COVID-era were: temporary CalFresh policy changes, dramatic expansions of food bank distributions, and the expansion of Older Americans Act nutrition programs. Should nutrition funding remain flat, the unmet need is likely to return to that of the pre-COVID era, and with the growth of the 60+ population, potentially well-beyond what California has experienced.

The Modernizing of the Older Californians Americans Act grant funds provide for traditional and new modalities in the delivery of nutrition programs to address food insecurity demands among older adults, adults with disabilities, and other eligible participants. This grant will fund the following new and innovative nutrition programs:

1. **Brown Bag Program:** The Brown Bag program provides both surplus and donated edible fruits, vegetables, and other unsold products to older individuals.
2. **Groceries Program:** The Groceries Program provides participants enrolled in Older American Act (OAA) programs with food items.
3. **Intergenerational Activities:** Intergenerational Activities include the planning, development, and implementation of activities and programs that bring participants of the Older Californians Nutrition Program together with children or adults. This program promotes greater understanding and respect between generations and serves to strengthen older adults from the isolation and health impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. **Nutrition Infrastructure:** The Nutrition Infrastructure program provides for building capacity and infrastructure improvements for the purchasing, upgrading, or refurbishing infrastructure for the production and distribution of meals.
5. **Title C-1 and C-2 Meal Programs:** Title C-1 Meals Program is modeled on OAA traditional Congregate Meal Program. Title C-2 Meals Program is modeled on OAA traditional Home-Delivered Meal Programs. This funding serves to expand on these existing programs.

6. **To-Go Meals:** The To-Go Meals Program is a meal that is picked up by the client (or client’s agent) or delivered to clients who are not comfortable dining in a congregate meal setting.
7. **Restaurant Options:** The Restaurant Option Program provides vouchers for meals at licensed food service establishments such as restaurants, cafes, food trucks, and grocery stores with hot and/or cold meals.

On September 25, 2018, the Mayor and City Council authorized LADOA to release several Request for Proposals (RFPs) seeking qualified contractors to provide senior services, including nutrition programs, through the operation of multipurpose centers (MPCs) or at designated facilities (C.F. 18-0804) for a total contract term of four years. In 2019, LADOA was authorized to execute contracts for OAA programs for a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with three one- year renewal options (C.F. 19-0615).

The City Council and Mayor authorized LADOA to execute new one-year contract agreements with each existing Contractor in lieu of contract renewals since extending contracts over four fiscal years causes undue complications for LADOA accounting staff and external auditors relative to tracking and expending grant funds.

The approved funding is for six years, from July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2029. The award will be distributed in four allotments:

- Year 1 (July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026), \$1,345,238;
- Year 2 (July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027), \$3,438,994;
- Year 3 (July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028), \$3,438,994; and,
- Year 4 (July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029), \$3,438,994

This funding will serve to expand existing Congregate and Home Delivered meals programs by funding existing service providers as indicated in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Funding Allocations per Contractor

Contractor	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	7/1/23-3/31/26	7/1/24-3/31/27	7/1/25-3/31/28	7/1/26-3/31/29
	\$1,210,715	\$3,095,095	\$3,095,095	\$3,095,095
Jewish Family Services	\$160,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation	\$90,715	TBD	TBD	TBD
ONEgeneration	\$160,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council	\$240,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
St. Barnabas Senior Center of Los Angeles	\$160,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	\$320,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wilmington Jaycees Foundation	\$80,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL	\$1,210,715	\$3,095,095	\$3,095,095	\$3,095,095

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions authorize LADOA to execute contracts for older adult programs and services funded with Older Californians Act grant funds. Adoption of report recommendations will result in no material impact on the General Fund.

Sincerely,

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