



MEMORANDUM

TO: DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES COMMISSION

THROUGH: SHIREEN McSPADDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: CINDY KAUFFMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
ESPERANZA ZAPIEN, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS

DATE: JULY 14, 2020

SUBJECT: **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CDA DIGNITY AT HOME
FALL PREVENTION CONTRACT FP-1920-06, ASSOCIATED
BUDGET, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS**

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) is seeking review and approval of the Dignity at Home Fall Prevention contract FP-1920-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments. The California Department of Aging has allocated \$143,750 to the City and County San Francisco for fall prevention services during the period February 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Presentation of this standard contract document before the Disability and Aging Services Commission for your approval is a required step in the California Department of Aging's contract certification process.

BACKGROUND

In response to statewide advocacy by multiple stakeholders, the State of California included funding in its 2019 budget for fall prevention programming. The funding will be distributed by the California Department of Aging, for program administration at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) level. (DAS is the AAA for the City and County of San Francisco.) Guidelines for program administration include funding of programs that provide some or all of the following: fall and injury prevention information, education, referral services, and equipment, including assessments, services, materials and labor costs for participating clients. Eligibility for program participation is limited to adults aged 60 and adults with disabilities, whose adjusted household income does not exceed eighty percent of the area median income, and who are at risk of falling or institutionalization. (Note: 80% area median income for San Francisco in 2020 is \$97,500 for a single person, \$111,550 for a two person household.)

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) will partner with San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) to support, enhance and supplement their Community and Home Injury Prevention Program for Seniors (“CHIPPS”). The program provides a series of services including 1) injury prevention presentations at community centers, senior housing communities, health programs and clinics throughout the city, 2) personalized home safety assessments in older adults’ homes. Based on these assessments, safety improvement items such as night lights, bath mats, surge protectors, and CO2 and smoke detectors are provided. In some circumstances, the CHIPPS program is able to provide minor home repairs and modifications to reduce hazards and increase safety with a goal of preventing injuries and maximizing independence in a community living setting.

DAS will utilize our network of community-based organizations to help get the CHIPPS program to populations in the city that the program currently isn’t reaching. DAS intends to look at where and who the CHIPPS program is serving and compare that to DAS’ internal equity analyses in order to help focus resources to currently underserved populations. DAS will also collaborate with the CHIPPS program to explore ways where program services can continue in a safe manner, in accordance with local public health directives and guidelines as it relates to COVID-19.

While this contract technically made funding available effective February 1, 2020, the onset of the city-wide state of emergency and subsequent coronavirus response has delayed development and implementation of the proposed collaboration to the current fiscal year (July 1, 2020 – June 31, 2020). DAS intends to utilize the full funding allocation available during this fiscal year.

Recommended Action: Approve Dignity at Home Fall Prevention Contract FP-1920-06, associated budget, and all subsequent amendments.