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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

18 March 8, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL FINANCIAL ALIGNMENT (FA) GRANT AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authorization for the Director of Community and Senior Services (CSS) to accept a second federal Financial Alignment (FA) grant award, execute an FA contract agreement and future contract amendments with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for any future FA funding through contracts or contract amendments for FY 2015-16 through FY 2017-18. The acceptance will also allow CSS to increase the maximum contract sum of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) contract with the Center for Health Care Rights (CHCR), the current CSS HICAP contracted service provider. The second FA grant award will be used to provide additional and enhanced HICAP outreach, education, and counseling services related to Cal MediConnect.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, of the CDA-designated Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Planning and Service Area (PSA) 19, to accept the second FA Federal Fund allocation in the amount of \$222,215 from the CDA for services to be provided over three (3) fiscal years: 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;
2. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to execute contract agreement number FA-1516-19 and any contract amendments with the CDA as required for acceptance of the current, and all future second FA funding;
3. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept any future FA funding through contracts or contract amendments from the CDA through FY 2017-18 with anticipated contract

numbers of FA-1617-19 and/or FA-1718-19, provided that the Director of CSS, or designee, notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) in writing within ten workdays of acceptance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will enable CSS to use the second FA funding to further expand and support current HICAP-contracted services by providing enhanced HICAP outreach, education, and counseling related to Cal MediConnect. The funds will be used to educate providers and community-based partners and to provide assistance to individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal (dual-eligible beneficiaries) in understanding their options under California's Cal MediConnect demonstration. The Cal MediConnect demonstration is a joint effort between California's Medi-Cal Program and the federal Medicare program. The goal remains as the promotion of coordinated delivery of medical, behavioral health, long-term institutional and home- and community-based services through a single organized system to older adults and people with disabilities who are dually eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness; Goal 2: Fiscal Sustainability; and Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This second FA funding will be allocated to CSS over two state Fiscal Years (SFY). Approximately 67 percent of the funding \$149,035 will be allocated in FY 2015-16 and approximately 33 percent, \$73,180 will be allocated in FY 2016-17. There is no anticipated funding to be allocated in FY 2017-18. A total of approximately 10% (\$22,221) will be retained from the allocation to cover administrative costs. There is no impact on the County general funds as these funds are fully financed with the FA federal funds.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines require that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement prior to commencing the activities related to the grant. Accordingly, a Grant Management Statement for this grant is attached.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CDA originally channeled FA funding to Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) through Cal MediConnect authorized by Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (added by Section 3021 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), P.L.111-148). Cal MediConnect is a part of California's larger Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), which is authorized pursuant to SB 1008 (Chapter 33, Statutes of 2012), SB 1036 (Chapter 45, Statutes 2012) and California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §14182.17, to support local HICAP providers in providing outreach, education, and counseling to dual-eligible beneficiaries to help them understand their Cal MediConnect coverage options.

This second FA contract agreement with the CDA is expected to be executed upon Board approval for the acceptance of funds. Program funding is contingent upon execution of the FA-1516-19 contract with the CDA.

CSS will exercise its delegated authority to allocate additional funding in the amount of \$199,993 to CHCR under the current HICAP contract, number HI-1418-01 for the four-year term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018, adopted by your Board as item number 22 on June 10, 2014.

These actions will ensure full expenditure of all second FA funds, and are consistent with the Board's policy requiring review of contractor performance. Contractor CHCR is in compliance with all Board, CEO, and County Counsel requirements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Services with the FA program funding will be provided by the current HICAP contractor, CHCR, in the estimated amount of \$134,132, for FY 2015-16. The remaining estimated amount of \$65,861 will be distributed to CHCR over FYs 2016-18.

In addition to an increase in the provision of existing required HICAP services, the contract amendment for FY 2015-16 will allow changes to the scope of work to include the provision of the following expanded FA services:

- Increase training of Cal MediConnect HICAP staff to perform additional Cal MediConnect counseling, outreach, and community education services;
- Provide outreach, counseling, and community education services to Cal MediConnect-eligible beneficiaries and sub-populations that may not have been reached with the funding from the first FA contract;
- Provide outreach and/or education to providers, including, but not limited to, physician groups, board and care providers, and non-profit agencies who were not reached with the funding from the first FA contract to:
 - o Address problems related to provider non-participation in the project; and
 - o Assist beneficiaries who have continuity of care issues that could result in their opting-out of the project;
- Provide options counseling to beneficiaries eligible for Cal MediConnect who were not reached with the funding from the first FA contract;
- Provide counseling regarding coverage options under Medicare and Medi-Cal to beneficiaries who opted-out of Cal MediConnect;
- Provide options counseling to beneficiaries who were passively enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan and are experiencing problems with their plan;
- Expand existing partnerships and develop new community partnerships; and
- Provide "other" services in addition to those listed above, as long as they are not duplicative of services provided under the first FA contract.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable CSS to further expand HICAP-related service delivery to dual-eligible beneficiaries in Los Angeles County. These efforts will also continue to generate additional collaboration between the County, service providers, and other entities that serve the target population.

CONCLUSION

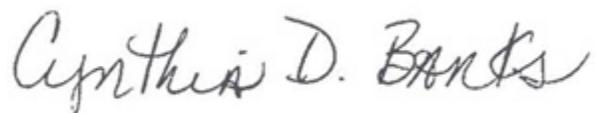
Ms. Sonja Ivey-Rojas, CSS, 3175 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020, may be reached by e-mail: siveyrojas@css.lacounty.gov or by telephone: (213) 351-8917 if you have any questions.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

3/8/2016

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia D. Banks". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

CYNTHIA D. BANKS

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Community and Senior Services (CSS)

Grant Project Title and Description

Grant Title: Financial Alignment Grant Two (FA) – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded California Department of Aging a second FA grant to support local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in providing and expanding current Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) outreach, education and counseling services to individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal (dual eligible beneficiaries) to make informed decisions about options they have for receiving their Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits.

Funding Agency

California Department of Aging

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

FA Contract # FA-1516-19

Grant Acceptance Deadline

N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$222,215

County Match: \$ 0

Grant Period: 23 Months

Begin Date: 11/02/2015

End Date: 09/30/2017

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0

Full Time: 0.1

Part Time: 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	___	N/A
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	___	N/A
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?		No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		N/A
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services		N/A
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		N/A
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.		N/A

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Does not apply to this grant.

Other requirements not mentioned above: There is no impact to the General Fund.

Department Head Signature



Date:

1-14-16