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Boards and Commissions Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Outreach Feedback

The Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget process is designed to increase transparency and to provide an opportunity for public input, as well as have a more robust public engagement process. Sacramento County is seeking input from the County's advisory boards and commissions to identify community needs and help determine budget priorities. This feedback will inform the recommendations that will be made to the Board of Supervisors.

Board or Commission Name:

Adult and Aging Commission

1. Top Need or Priority (Most Critical): Preventative Programs

Maintain and direct funding to organizations that provide prevention services for older adults living independently in the community, to support their mental, physical, and financial safety and well-being.

Example: The Senior Connection Program, a contract between Senior and Adult Services and Agency on Aging, helps to prevent loneliness and isolation which can lead to a decline in physical and mental functioning and a need for higher levels of care. American Rescue Plan Act funding from the California Department of Social Services supports this program and ends on September 30, 2024. The Senior Connection Program will end when the funding expires.

2. Access to Technology

Provide funding that supports and enhances access to digital technology for older adults, to increase technology literacy and decrease isolation.

Example: Senior and Adult Services received a \$2,025,398 allocation from the California Department of Aging to provide free computers and computer training for older adults and people with disabilities. This

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program ends September 30, 2024. Continued access to technology and digital training is essential to equity for lower income aging community members.

3. Housing

Flexible funding for older adults facing financial crises that are likely to lead to homelessness without immediate assistance (e.g., utility bills, rent, home repair, etc.)

Example: Home Safe funding from the California Department of Social Services currently prevents homelessness by providing financial assistance to Adult Protective Services eligible adults at risk of homelessness and assists those who are currently homeless to secure housing. Home Safe funding is not guaranteed to continue. Continued funding to prevent homelessness and secure housing will be critical in the years to come to ensure increasing numbers of Sacramento residents don't age on the streets.

4. Transportation

Improve accessibility and affordability for public and private transportation resources. Increase accessibility for access to public spaces.

Example: Provide options for door-to-door or curb-to-curb transportation for residents who may not be able to walk from their home to a bus stop during inclement weather such as heat waves.

The Adult and Aging Commission expresses gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their investments in creating an age and disability-friendly community. In particular, the \$500,000 allocation (the Nottoli Fund) that currently funds financial assistance for older adults and people with disabilities experiencing a crisis, respite care, and grants for community organizations to increase socialization and connections for older adults and people with disabilities at risk of isolation and loneliness.

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