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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the Human Services Agency Director to Sign a Contract and Associated Amendments with the California Department of Aging for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution delegating authority to the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, to sign a contract and any associated amendments with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval (Exhibit 1).

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: Federal (State Health Insurance Assistance Program)
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Costs:

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$63,839	\$299,470
Total Revenue	\$63,839	\$299,470
Costs:		
Direct	\$63,839	\$299,470
Indirect	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs	\$63,839	\$299,470
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

There is no net County cost associated with this action. The FY 2024-25 HICAP contract term is April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$363,309, with a maximum of \$63,839 available for April-June. There are sufficient revenues and appropriations in the HSA Approved Budget for FY 2023-24 and Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25.

FY 2023-24 Budget for HSA Area Agency on Aging Division # 3500				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$12,480,795	\$26,961,019	\$22,284,887	\$4,676,132
Revenue	\$11,068,330	\$24,427,021	\$18,394,374	(\$6,032,647)
Net Cost	\$1,412,465	\$2,533,998	\$3,890,513	(\$1,356,515)

Discussion:

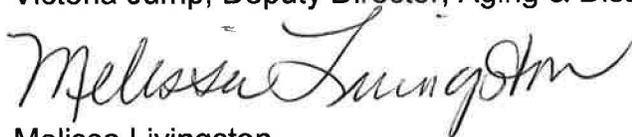
The HICAP program is designed to provide Medicare beneficiaries and those soon to be eligible for Medicare with counseling and advocacy about Medicare, Medicare supplement and long-term care insurance options, Medicare Advantage plans, managed health care plans, private health insurance, and related health care coverage plans. With the use of substantial volunteer support, the HICAP program aids older adults in choosing the Medicare Plan to best suit their needs and assists with health insurance related and other benefit program enrollment issues or appeals. All project staff and volunteers are trained and registered with the State as HICAP Counselors and provide HICAP educational services in a manner that is objective and impartial, which preserves the independent decision-making responsibilities of the client.

Counties are not required to apply for HICAP funds. Rather, the State requires only that the County sign an annual allocation contract and submit a resolution from your Board authorizing execution of said contract. Before your Board today is a resolution required by the State delegating authority to the HSA Director, or designee, to sign the HICAP contract (# HI-2425-18) and any associated amendments, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

Strategic Plan:

The HICAP program contributes to the Board of Supervisors' 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority of 'Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities', Goal (1) Provide equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or Victoria Jump, Deputy Director, Aging & Disability Services, at 805-477-7300.



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