



# STAFF REPORT

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April 3, 2024  
File Number 0480-70

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## **SUBJECT**

### **OLDER CALIFORNIANS NUTRITION GRANT**

## **DEPARTMENT**

Community Services Department

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Request the City Council approve Resolution No. 2024-29 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Escondido ("City"), the agreement with the County of San Diego ("County") for the Older Californians Nutrition Program.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services: Jennifer Schoeneck)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

**ESSENTIAL SERVICE – No**

**COUNCIL PRIORITY –**

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

The Senior Nutrition Program is funded through the General Fund. However, acceptance of this grant and execution of the County Contract Number 570894 ("Agreement") will offset costs up to \$1,174,910.92 through March 31, 2028. The City shall provide a minimum of 11.11% match for costs in cash or in-kind contribution. The City shall also receive \$56,180 in infrastructure funds for the purchase of equipment in support of the program, no matching funds required.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On February 5, 2020, the City Council approved the previous Agreement (Contract No. 561764) with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency by adopting Resolution No. 2020-15.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Senior Nutrition Program offers seniors nutritionally balanced meals in a congregate setting to increase overall health and reduce senior isolation. The Park Avenue Community Center has offered this program Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, for over 40 years. Furthermore, grants through the County have helped to offset costs for the Senior Nutrition Program for over 30 years.



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The Senior Nutrition Program is comprised of two distinct components, transportation and meal service. The transportation component provides seniors a means to access meal service at the Park Avenue Community Center. The County grant reimburses the City for both components. Therefore, reimbursement is received for transportation based on each one-way ride and for meal service based on each meal served to seniors 60 years old and older. In fiscal year 2022/2023, 9,574 one-way rides were completed and 22,497 meals served. The current fiscal year (2023/2024) is likely to exceed 10,000 one-way rides and 24,000 meals; wherein, the new agreement is expected to cover the increase in such costs.

Through the Older Californians Nutrition Program, funds are set aside for agencies to purchase new or replace existing equipment that has reached end of life. As a part of this grant funding, the City will receive \$56,180 for equipment purchases. These funds will be used to acquire a new hydration station as well as replace two food warmers, a refrigerator, and an ice machine. This funding may be used for the purchase of equipment and associated costs and must be expended by September 30, 2024. Upon approval, City staff are prepared to act quickly in procuring this equipment to support the Senior Nutrition Program.

### RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-29

### ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment "1"- Budget Adjustment
- b. Attachment "2"- San Diego County Contract Number 570894