



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

July 13, 2021

FROM

SHARON NEVINS, Director, Department of Aging and Adult Services

SUBJECT

Grant Award from the University of Washington in Archstone Foundation Funding for The Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to Improve Depression Care

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Accept grant award from the University of Washington in Archstone Foundation funding for 'The Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to Improve Depression Care' to expand and improve patient medical, behavioral and social needs to improve care, in the amount of \$30,000, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Designate the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Aging and Adult Services to execute and submit the grant award documents and any subsequent non-substantive amendments in relation to the grant award, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Aging and Adult Services to transmit all non-substantive amendments in relation to the grant award to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Sharon Nevins, Director, 891-3917)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The grant award in the amount of \$30,000 from the University of Washington (UW) in Archstone Foundation funding does not require a local match. Approval of the necessary budget adjustments to the Department of Aging and Adult Services 2021-22 budget is not requested at this time, but will be included on a future quarterly countywide budget report and presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

UW is providing funding for 'The Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to Improve Depression Care' with grant funds from the Archstone Foundation. This funding is intended to facilitate collaborations in order to form partnerships to share best practices, formulate innovative strategies, and design and execute projects to address patients' medical, behavioral, and social needs in order to improve depression care for

older adults. Goals of this collaboration include improving care for older adults with depression through primary care and community based organization partnerships; formulating innovative strategies/projects to address patients' medical, behavioral, and social care needs; building capacity for implementation and practice change; creating a community network for shared learning and best practices among other California sites; accessing expert, customized training and support; and gaining knowledge and building capacity across collaborative learning goals. DAAS' Office of the Public Guardian (PG) will use the grant funding to support DAAS' Age Wise program in collaboration with Lifestyle Medical in Redlands.

DAAS' Age Wise program is a community-based mental health program for older adults, age 59 and over, who benefit from behavioral health, wellness services, and resources to help meet and sustain an independent lifestyle. Services include in-home and telehealth counseling services, case management, peer and family advocacy, and support and education groups provided throughout San Bernardino County. The goal of the Age Wise program is to help individuals maintain the best possible behavioral and physical health in order to increase the ability to sustain independent living and well-being. Referrals and consultation are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to individuals, families, and agencies working with older adults.

Lifestyle Medical is a value based primary care clinic that starts with a new foundation of care based on the principles of Lifestyle Medicine. Specifically, Lifestyle Medical works on building and balancing four pillars of wellness - nourishment, movement, resilience (sleep and stress) and connectedness (horizontal and vertical) in patients. This gives patients the core health aspects needed for their bodies to prevent and overcome chronic diseases and other health challenges.

Upon Board approval of the grant award, DAAS-PG will collaborate with Lifestyle Medical to expand behavioral health services with a focus on decreasing the costs associated with treatment, improving clinical outcomes and reported client satisfaction with treatment. The Age Wise program will benefit by having the expertise of licensed medical doctors specializing in treating the physical and medical needs of geriatric patients. The collaboration of patient care in order to meet the complex biopsychosocial needs of our aging population, will benefit both professional agencies and, most importantly, older adult consumers.

On May 27, 2021, the County Administrative Office authorized the submission of an application to UW for Archstone Foundation funding for 'The Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to Improve Depression Care', in an anticipated award amount of \$20,000 contingent upon the number of successful proposals and funding availability, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

On June 10, 2021, DAAS received the grant award from UW in Archstone Foundation funding for 'The Learning Collaborative: Community Partnerships to Improve Depression Care', in the amount of \$30,000, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The original submission deadline of June 25, 2021 was extended in order to obtain the necessary approval by the Board.

This item is being presented at this time as this is the first date available for presentation following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. Approval at this time will not impact DAAS' services or activities.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jacqueline Carey-Wilson, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 25, 2021; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on June 25, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on June 25, 2021.