

# **AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Jestin D. Johnson FROM: Scott Means

City Administrator Interim Director, Human

Services

**SUBJECT:** Service Opportunity For Seniors Grant **DATE:** 

Agreement For Meals On Wheels

Food Delivery Program

DATE: February 5, 2024

City Administrator Approval

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Date: Feb 27, 2024

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Awarding A Grant Agreement To Service Opportunity For Seniors To Administer The Meals On Wheels Food Delivery Program For An Amount Not To Exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) Per Year for Fiscal Years 2023-2025

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposed resolution will authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement between the City of Oakland and Service Opportunity for Seniors (SOS) to provide nutritious meals to homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program in the amount of \$300,000 per fiscal year (FY) 2023-2025 from Measure BB Paratransit.

#### **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

In November 2014, voters approved <u>Measure BB</u>, a supplemental half-cent sales tax for transit funding to run concurrently with Measure B through March 31, 2022 and then transition to a whole-cent Measure BB initiative April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2045. The City of Oakland receives Measure BB funding as an eligible recipient.

On June 26, 2023, the City Council (Council) adopted Resolution No. 89804 C.M.S. which adopted the City of Oakland FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget and appropriating funds to cover expenditures by said budget.

On December 5, 2023, the Council adopted <u>Resolution No. 90005 C.M.S.</u> that awarded grants that were appropriated in the Adopted Biennial Budget for FY 23-25.

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The award grant Service Opportunities for Seniors (SOS) was left off Resolution No. 90005 C.M.S. in error, while listed as an awarded grant appropriated in the Adopted Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 23-25.

### **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

The FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget includes an appropriation for a grant agreement with the following entity in the amounts as noted in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: FY 2023-25 Food Delivery Grantee and Award Amount

Grantee	FY 2023-24 Amount	FY 2024-25 Amount
Service Opportunity for Seniors  Meals on Wheels Program – Food Delivery to Seniors	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

#### Service Opportunity for Seniors

Service Opportunity for Seniors (SOS) is a nonprofit organization that has been addressing the issue of senior isolation and promoting nutritional health for over 56 years. SOS administers the Meals on Wheels program whose primary function is to deliver nutritious, balanced meals and friendly safety checks to homebound seniors. Meals on Wheels assists in the interception of the of premature institutionalization of isolated seniors by providing social interaction with the program staff and fosters the independence and dignity of homebound seniors in Central Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

Adoption of this resolution will advance the Citywide priority of providing holistic community safety by providing quality meals to the most vulnerable Oakland residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this grant agreement is available from the FY 2023-2025 Biennial Budget as detailed in **Table 2** below:

**Table 2: Food Delivery Programs Funding Source** 

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Amount
2220 – Measure BB Paratransit	75631 –Senior Center	1003725 – Meals on Wheel	\$600,000
Total Funding			\$600,000

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Funding for this program is through Measure BB Paratransit. And there is no request from or impact to the General Purpose Fund.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No outreach was deemed necessary for this informational report beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

#### **COORDINATION**

The City Administrator's Office, City Attorney's Office, and Finance Department have been consulted in the development of this report

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** The economic opportunity associated to this resolution are significant as this grant funding will enable the continuation of the programs to serve the community without interruption.

**Environmental:** There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

**Race and Equity:** A racial equity analysis has not been conducted; however, this program provides a critical service to underserved seniors who have challenges accessing affordable food options. The SOS Meals on Wheels mission is to foster the independence and dignity of older adults by reducing food insecurity and isolation, with daily nutritious meals, friendly visits, and connection to support services.

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## ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Jessi Cutter at (510) 238-6391.

Respectfully submitted,

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