



## **2021-22 Governor’s Budget: Investments for Aging**

The 2021-22 Governor’s Budget includes significant new investments that will benefit the growing and diversifying aging population in California, currently totaling 8.6 million older adults age 60 and over, as well as people with disabilities and caregivers.

The Governor’s January budget proposes investments to advance the goals of the Master Plan for Aging, released on January 6, 2021 (<https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/>). The Plan was informed by valuable input from the public, stakeholders, the Legislature, and the Cabinet Work Group, as well as the Governor’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease Prevention and Preparedness. The Master Plan sets forth five bold goals for 2030 with 23 strategies and outlines over 100 specific initiatives for 2021-22 – such as building housing for all ages, improving access to health services at home and in the community, providing inclusive and equitable opportunities for seniors to live and work without fear of abuse and neglect, bolstering the caregiving workforce, and increasing economic security for aging Californians.

The Governor’s January Budget includes both overarching proposals to advance a California for All that will benefit all Californians as we age, as well as targeted new, and continuing, investments in Aging. These investments are proposed across multiple departments in the California Health and Human Services Agency, including CDA. Also, of note, the federal government continues to support state and local aging programs during the COVID crisis with additional stimulus funding included in H.R.133 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Those investments are summarized at the end of the document.

### **Targeted New Investments for Aging Well**

#### **Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**

**[\$7.5 million GF in 2021-22; half-year \$5 million GF in 2022-23]**

The Governor’s Proposed 2021-22 Budget includes \$7.5 million in 2021-22 and half-year funding of \$5 million in 2022-23 for the statewide expansion of the State’s Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program subject to suspension on December 31, 2022 based on available General Fund resources in the 2022 Budget Process. If not suspended, resources are proposed to continue at an ongoing, full-year, funding level of \$10 million. The ADRC program, also known as “No Wrong Door,” which was a key recommendation of both the Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the Task Force on Alzheimer’s. The ADRC program is the State’s only coordinated “one-stop” telephone and on-line access which enables a single point of entry for older adults and people with disabilities, regardless of age, income, or disability, to navigate their local systems of long-term services and supports. ADRC programs provide warm

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hand-off information and referral/assistance services, person-centered options counseling, short-term service coordination during times of crisis, and transition services from hospitals to home and from skilled nursing facilities back into the community. There are currently 6 designated and 10 emerging ADRC programs in the state and this funding will enable the establishment of ADRC programs throughout the State.

### **Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration**

The Administration intends to submit a proposal in the spring for State Operations to establish a new Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration that will explore strategies and models to strengthen and expand low and middle-income Californian's access to high-quality services and supports, while developing new partnerships with the federal government.

### **Bold and Equitable Path Forward on Alzheimer's [\$17 million GF one-time]**

The Budget proposes a comprehensive and coordinated approach to Alzheimer's with an emphasis on communities of color and women, who are disproportionately susceptible to the disease and the primary providers of caregiving. Investments to be administered by the Department of Public Health are five-pronged: \$5 million one-time General Fund for a public education campaign on brain health; \$4 million one-time General Fund for new training and certification for caregivers; \$2 million one-time General Fund for expanded training in standards of care for health care providers; \$2 million one-time General Fund for grants to communities to become dementia-friendly; and \$4 million one-time General Fund for research to strengthen California's leadership on disparities and equity in Alzheimer's.

### **Expand Facilities to Support Housing [\$250 million GF one-time]**

The Budget includes \$250 million one-time General Fund for the Department of Social Services to acquire and rehabilitate Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities of the Elderly (RCFEs) with a specific focus on persevering and expanding housing for low-income seniors who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

### **IHSS COVID-19 Back-Up Provider System [\$5.3 million GF one-time]**

The Budget includes \$5.3 million one-time General Fund in 2021-22 to extend the back-up provider wage differential to avoid disruptions to caregiving until December-2021. The Administration will evaluate the need of an IHSS provider back-up system for severely impaired individuals as the state recovers from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Increased Geriatric Care Workforce [\$3 million GF one-time]**

The Budget includes \$3 million one-time General Fund for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to grow and diversify the pipeline for the geriatric medicine workforce, as the increasing and diversifying numbers of older adults living longer lives require developing a larger and more diverse pool of health care workers with experience in geriatric medicine.

### **Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer's**

The Governor will appoint a Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer's to advance cross-Cabinet initiatives and partnerships between government, the private sector, and philanthropy, such as closing the digital divide, transportation options beyond driving, and caregiving workforce solutions, for Californians of all ages.

### **Master Plan for Aging Placeholder Funding [\$5 million GF]**

The Governor's Budget includes \$5 million General Fund in placeholder funding for spring proposals to further implement the Master Plan for Aging.

## **Continuing Investments in Aging**

### **Home and Community Living**

#### **Senior Nutrition [\$17.5 million GF annually, extended until 12/31/22]**

The 2020 Budget Act included \$17.5 million General Fund for the Older Americans Act (OAA) Senior Nutrition program (SNP) that was originally set to suspend on 12/31/21. The suspension date of this funding is proposed to be extended until 12/31/2022 which will enable local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to expend the full \$17.5 million in 2021-22. The OAA SNP provides both home-delivered and congregate meals at community and senior centers, nutrition education, and nutrition-risk screening to individuals aged 60 or older.

Total baseline funding for OAA SNP is \$117.8 million (\$26.1 million GF). The baseline funding for OAA SNP was able to provide 19,325,463 meals to 222,448 unduplicated participants in 2019-20. With additional federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, the AAAs were able to provide an additional 2,825,981 meals to older adults in 2019-20.

#### **Supportive Services & Family Caregiving [\$61.5 million (\$296,000 GF)]**

Older Americans Act Titles III and VII fund services to enable individuals to access the support necessary for them to remain independent in their communities, continue in their caregiving role,

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and/or receive long-term care services appropriate to their needs. These programs provide services in the community to adults 60 years of age or older and their family caregivers.

### **Falls Prevention**

**(\$5 million GF from FY 19-20, *reappropriation until 06/30/2022*)**

The Dignity at Home Fall Prevention Program was established in 2019-20 with a one-time \$5 million GF appropriation to provide grants to the local AAAs for information and education on injury prevention; referrals to related resources and services; and home environmental assessments and assessments of individual injury prevention needs, including instructions on behavioral, physical, and environmental aspects of injury prevention. The program originally had a sunset date of 06/30/21. The funds are proposed to be reappropriated until 06/30/2022.

### **Health at Home**

#### **Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)**

**[\$5.8 million (\$2.7 million GF)]**

The CBAS program, also known as Adult Day Health, is an alternative to skilled nursing facilities for those individuals who are capable of living at home with the aid of appropriate health, rehabilitative, personal care, and social services. In 2019-20, the Community-Based Adult Services program served 35,044 individuals at the 257 Community-Based Adult Service centers.

#### **Multipurpose Senior Services (MSSP)**

**[\$23.6 million (\$21.8 million GF)]**

The MSSP provides both social and health care coordination services to assist frail individuals aged 65 or older to remain in their own homes and communities. The MSSP serves approximately 11,370 participants a year in 9,232 slots across 38 sites.

### **Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities**

#### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

**[\$17.4 million (\$9.2 million GF)]**

Long-term Care Ombudsman serve as advocates for residents of long-term care facilities, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the local Ombudsman representatives seek resolution of residential facility complaints with the goal of ensuring residents' rights, dignity, quality of care, and quality of life. Statewide, approximately 723 state-certified Ombudsman volunteers and paid local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program staff identify, investigate, and resolve complaints and concerns in over 1,200 skilled nursing facilities and approximately 7,300 residential care facilities for the elderly.

## **Information and Assistance**

### **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) [\$13.6 million (\$41,000 GF)]**

HICAP provides free, confidential one-on-one counseling, education, and assistance to individuals and their families on Medicare, Long-Term Care insurance, and other health insurance related issues, and planning ahead for Long-Term Care needs. HICAP also provides legal assistance or legal referrals in dealing with Medicare or Long-Term Care insurance related needs. In 2019-20, the program served 63,255 older adults.

### **New Federal Stimulus Funds Included in the Federal FY2021 Budget**

The federal stimulus funds passed to date provided needed funding for aging programs for older adults so that they had access to services while they are under stay-at-home orders.

- The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provided \$25 million for the OAA Senior Nutrition programs.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$50 million for OAA Senior Nutrition programs, \$31 million for Supportive Services and Family Caregiving, \$3 million for ADRC programs, and \$2 million for Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs.
- The latest stimulus funding in the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (H.R.133 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021) includes a total of \$168 million for Senior Nutrition Programs, and \$100 million for Elder Justice funds, including Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs, for all states. CDA is awaiting the allocation amounts for these programs from the federal Administration for Community Living and will share California's allocation amounts once it receives them.

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**CDA Baseline Program Funds**

**Federal Stimulus Funds\***

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21-22*** Governor's Budget</b>	<b>Families First Act</b>	<b>CARES Act</b>	<b>H.R.133 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021</b>
Aging and Disability Resource Connection	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$ -	\$3,005	\$ -
Nutrition	\$124,273	\$117,761	\$ -	\$50,173	TBD
Supportive Services and Family Caregiving****	\$64,019	\$61,966	\$ -	\$31,236	\$ -
Community-Based Adult Services	\$6,057	\$5,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Multipurpose Senior Services Program	\$23,779	\$23,568	\$25,086	\$ -	\$ -
Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$18,770	\$17,376	\$ -	\$2,091	TBD
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program	\$13,714	\$13,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Programs**	\$10,529	\$10,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$266,141</b>	<b>\$258,137</b>	<b>\$25,086</b>	<b>\$86,505</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*FFCRA and CARES Act funding expires September 30, 2021; H.R. 133 funding expires September 30, 2022

\*\*Other Programs include: Senior Community Employment Service Program (Title V), Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, and Alzheimer's Local Assistance Grant

\*\*\* Supportive Services and Family Caregiving, Community-Based Adult Services, Multipurpose Senior Services Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program all have minor decreases in State Operations funding to realize savings in Travel, Operating Expenses and Equipment, etc. due to the impacts to business operations associated with COVID-19.

\*\*\*\* Does not include funds for Aging & Disability Resource Connection program budgeted under Supportive Services program.