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# **PROGRAM MEMO**

**TO:** Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Infrastructure Grants Program Grantees

NO: 22-03

**ISSUED:** March 11, 2022

**EXPIRES:** Until Superseded or Rescinded

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED:** ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program

SUPERSEDES: N/A

**SUBJECT:** ADRC Infrastructure Grants Allocation Methodology

#### Purpose

This Program Memo acknowledges the feedback received from local ADRC partners on the department's draft initial planning allocations for the ADRC Infrastructure Grants for the 2022-23 fiscal year. CDA will review the planning allocation methodology in light of this feedback and will be meeting with ADRC partners to better understand their needs for the next year.

# <u>Background</u>

<u>California Senate Bill 80 (Human Services Omnibus, 2019)</u> established the ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program and the <u>California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 9121,</u> requires the California Department of Aging (CDA) to award grants to interested and qualified Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Independent Living Centers (ILC) to:

- 1. complete the planning and application process (as an <u>Emerging ADRC</u>) for designation and approval to operate as an ADRC program, and
- 2. aid <u>Designated ADRC</u> programs in expanding or strengthening services for the purpose of implementing a No Wrong Door System.

The ADRC Infrastructure Grants are intended to support Emerging and Designated ADRCs in developing, implementing, and sustaining a local No Wrong Door (NWD) System that enhances consumer access to existing long-term services and supports options. Total allocations of \$4.25 million (Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20), \$4.25 million (FY 2020-21), and \$6.75 million (FY 2021-22) have been allocated to local Designated and Emerging ADRC grantees based on the following allocation methodology:

- > Base funding of \$180,000 for Designated ADRCs and \$90,000 for Emerging ADRCs
- > Remaining funding was allocated based on the following weighted factors:
  - County Population (all ages) with a weight of 1.0

- County Square Miles with a weight of 2.0
- County Geographic Isolation (rural all ages) with a weight of 3.5

Designated and Emerging ADRCs received ADRC Infrastructure Grants funding from two separate allocation pools as outlined below:

Fiscal Year	Designated ADRC total allocation pool	Number of Designated ADRC grantees	Emerging ADRC total allocation pool	Number of Emerging ADRC grantees
2019-20	\$2,650,000	6	\$1,600,000	10
2020-21	\$2,650,000	6	\$1,600,000	10
2021-22	\$4,209,000	6	\$2,541,000	11

The first grant cycle included funding from FYs 2019-20 and 2020-21. Subsequent grant cycles are one-year terms. Emerging ADRCs are eligible for up to two funding cycles under the ADRC Infrastructure Grants Program; however, Emerging ADRCs may be eligible for further funding after achieving Designated ADRC status.

# Allocation Methodology Updates

CDA acknowledges the feedback received from local ADRC partners on the draft 2022-23 initial planning allocations and will be meeting with ADRC partners to better understand their fiscal needs for the next year.

The FY 2022-23 funding cycle currently includes 15 Designated and eight (8) Emerging ADRCs eligible for ADRC Infrastructure Grants.

CDA is committed to considering methodologies that strengthen the ADRC network and allow for predictable and equitable funding, supporting sustainable expansion, and development of the ADRC network across the State.

# CDA will be reaching out to all ADRC partners to further inform its allocation methodology for FY 2022-23 and future grant cycles.

# <u>Inquiries</u>

For ADRC inquires, email: ADRC@aging.ca.gov.

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