



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION

**THROUGH:** SHIREEN MCSPADDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FROM:** CINDY KAUFFMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
JOHN TSUTAKAWA, DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS

**DATE:** AUGUST 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING CALFRESH EXPANSION CONTRACT (“CF-1920-06”), BUDGET, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS**

### Introduction

The Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) is requesting approval to enter into a new contract (CF-1920-06) with the California Department of Aging to access funding to support outreach and enrollment efforts in the new CalFresh benefit expansion. The California Department of Aging has allocated \$66,811 to the City and County San Francisco for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Presentation of this standard contract document before the Aging and Adult Services Commission for your approval is a required step in the California Department of Aging’s contract certification process.

### Background

CalFresh provides food benefits on a monthly basis to low-income individual and families in California. CalFresh is the California state-level name for the Federal level / national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). CalFresh and SNAP are often colloquially known or referred to as “food stamps.”

California expanded CalFresh eligibility starting June 1, 2019 to include Supplementary Security Income (SSI) and State Supplementary Payment (SSP) recipients. Prior to this change, receipt of either SSI or SSP benefits proscribed participation in the CalFresh program.

There are more than 40,000 SSI recipients in San Francisco. These recipients could receive anywhere from \$15-\$192 in new CalFresh benefits per month, depending on eligibility factors

such as household size. The increased benefits would be in addition to any SSI benefits and would not offset or reduce those benefits.

**Program Focus / Allocation of Funding**

The California Department of Aging requires that funding received under this contract will support outreach and application assistance. Outreach support will include posting and distribution of information on the CalFresh expansion, coordination of activities and events designed to engage potential beneficiaries, and use of volunteers, partners, and community networks to further amplify efforts. Application assistance will include helping potential beneficiaries complete initial application paperwork online or in hard copy, with follow-up and problem solving efforts to ensure completion of the process.

The Department of Aging and Adult Services intends to utilize these funds in a subsequent contract to support the CalFresh Expansion efforts of two community based organizations. The community based organization efforts will be coordinated in with larger outreach efforts and strategies lead by the Department of Human Services (DHS). For example, DHS eligibility staff are now outstationed at select community based organizations to streamline the application and benefit award process; the funds received via this contract may reinforce community based organization staff roles working within these outstations.

DAAS and community based organizations receiving these funds will be asked to meet a series of reporting requirements designed by the California Department of Aging to ensure compliance and measure impact of efforts.

**Recommended Action: Approve the FY 2018/19 CalFresh Expansion Contract CF-1920-06, Budget, and all subsequent Amendments.**