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To: Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and
Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRCs)

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SUBJECT: Status Update regarding COVID-19 Supplemental Funding distribution
including AAA & ADRC Vaccination Outreach (VAX), Consolidated
Appropriations Act (CAA), and American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The California Department of Aging (CDA) is providing an update and status on the three most recent COVID-19 federal supplemental funding packages (VAX, CAA and ARP).

CDA is currently working on the development of guidance, allocations, and distribution plans for VAX, CAA and ARP and we have provided (below) the associated timelines for each:

- VAX – CDA will issue (this week) a survey to identify how these funds would be most appropriately targeted for the AAAs; based on those results CDA will develop guidance, allocations and to begin distributions by the end of May-2021.
- CAA – CDA anticipates issuing guidance, allocations, and to begin distributions in June-2021.
- ARP – CDA anticipates issuing guidance, allocations, and to begin distributions in July-2021.
- **Note** – *standard Older Americans Act (OAA) funding is made available to AAAs annually every July, and funds are distributed upon finalization of AAA/CDA agreements.*

The timelines are based on the most recent CARES and FFCRA questionnaires which show that AAAs have \$65.8 million (out of \$98.9 million distributed) from FFCRA and CARES Act distributions available for expenditure; these funds continue to be available for all COVID related response efforts and should be adequate to cover any additional response costs that may occur over the next three (3) months. **Reminder – the Administration for Community Living recently approved a one-year extension for expenditure of CARES Act funds, through September 30, 2022.**

CDA is committed to partnering with AAAs to ensure that the use and application of these funds support California's most in-need older adults by continuing delivery of vital services and by developing innovative approaches to new initiatives that support the aging community.