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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director
Date: August 9, 2022

Subject: Access to Technology to Provide Digital Connectivity for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding in an amount up to \$1,449,700 from the California Department of Aging for the Access to Technology Program to provide digital connectivity for older adults and adults with disabilities for the period October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount up to \$1,449,700 from the California Department of Aging to fund the Access to Technology for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Program. (100% State) (No county match is required). Appropriations and Revenue Adjustment for this grant will be made during FY 22-23.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 135 into law to add Welfare and Institutions Code 9104 which required the California Department of Aging to create the Access to Technology Program (ATT). The ATT Program is a 27-month program (October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024) to meet the needs of diverse older adults and adults

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/09/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 9, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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with disabilities to gain access

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to digital connectivity and technology to help reduce isolation, increase social connections, and enhance self-confidence in navigating digital and online resources.

The grant funding will be used to increase access to technology for older adults and adults with disabilities; provide education and training of older adults and adults with disabilities on the use of technology; reduce isolation of vulnerable adults through the use of technology; and conduct outreach about the program.

Employment and Human Services will partner with community organizations to deliver access to technology programs. Additional partners and vendors will be identified to continue and increase service delivery.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, many older adults and adults with disabilities will remain socially isolated and will lack access to technology.