



**I. AREA AGENCY ON AGING**  
San Benito & Santa Cruz Counties

**FOSTER GRANDPARENT/SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM**  
Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties

**PROJECT SCOUT**  
Tax Counseling Assistance

**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION**  
Navigating the San Benito County Senior & Disability Services Network

**SENIORS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, June 18, 2026  
**10 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Hybrid in-person - Zoom Meeting  
**San Benito County Epicenter Community Room**  
**440 San Benito Street, Hollister, CA**

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**AGENDA**

- 10 a.m. 1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions
2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda
3. Receive Announcements from Board Members
4. Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda
- 10:10 5. Approve minutes of the May 2026 Board Meeting
- 10:15 6. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee
    - a. FY 2025-26 Agency Budget Update
    - b. FY 2026-27 Agency Budget
  - B. Executive Committee
  - C. Resource Development Committee
  - D. Nominating & Board Development

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- E. Advocacy Committee
  - a. State & Local Funding
  - b. Candidate Forum
  - c. California Senior Legislature Report

- 11:25 7. Approve ADRC Contract Resolution AD-2627-11  
*Aging & Disability Resource Connection*
- 8. Board Authorization of Check Signers
  - A. West Coast Community Bank
  - B. Comerica Bank
  - C. Bay Federal Savings Account
- 9. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Budget Shortfalls
  - B. Agency Operations
  - C. SB 1249 & CDA's 2030 Plan
  - D. Master Plan for Aging Local Playbooks
- 11:35 10. Program Reports (written)
  - A. Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program
  - B. Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
  - C. Volunteer Coordination Project
  - D. Project SCOUT
- 11:50 11. Miscellaneous Correspondence & Other Items  
*JUNE meeting in Hollister*
- 12 Noon 12. Adjourn

**Next Meeting:**  
*Thursday July 16, 2026*  
*10 am to 12 Noon*  
*Seniors Council Conference Room*  
*175 Westridge Dr., Watsonville, CA*

### **Questions, Clarifications or Additional Information:**

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## **Seniors Council Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Seniors Council to enable older persons to function with independence and dignity in their homes and in the community to their fullest capacity.

### **I. Area Agency on Aging Mission**

To provide leadership in addressing issues that relate to older Californians; to develop community-based systems of care that provide services which support independence within California's interdependent society, and which protect the quality of life of older persons and persons with functional impairment; and to promote citizen involvement in the planning and delivery of services.





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(Held by Zoom in accordance with COVID-19 social distancing requirements)

**May 21, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Norton (Vice-President); Jane Schwickerath (Treasurer & Secretary); Pam Arnsberger; Gwen Yeo; Antonio Rivas; Mickie Luna; Lisa Berkowitz; Connie Padron

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Tami Aviles (President); Mary Lou McKenney

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Clay Kempf (Executive Director); Hilary Minugh (Fiscal Specialist); Patty Talbott (AAA Administrator); Zach Johnson (Administrative Services Officer); Corey Shaffer (Community Coordinator); Maureen Hebert (Fiscal Specialist); Cathy Colvard (Fiscal Officer); Lydia Ramirez (FGP/SCP)

**1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions**

Acting chair Wayne Norton called meeting to order at 10:02. Introductions were skipped.

**2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Receive Announcements from Board Members**

None.

**4. Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION, Arnsberger/Schwickerath, to approve minutes of April 2026 Board Meeting.  
PASSED.**

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Finance Committee

- a. FY 2026-27 Agency Budget – Jane and Clay reported on meetings of Fiscal Committee. Deficit of about \$150,000 for next year, with reserves of \$600,000. Fiscal team proposed many partial solutions, discussed by Exec Committee.

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Recommended no COLA (second consecutive year) or changes to salary schedule; and to freeze current salaries.

Full budget likely to be available for approval around August.

- b. Adoption of 2026-27 Salary Schedule – **MOTION, Rivas/Arnsberger**, to freeze current salaries; and to not institute a COLA or salary schedule change, per recommendation of fiscal committee.
- c. Budget Cuts/Staff & Benefit Reductions – Part of comprehensive packet of budget reductions. Jane noted a typo, all pages should reflect “26-27 FY”. Clay discussed proposed changes to health care plans and other suggested ideas, including reductions in staff hours and/or layoffs.

Finance Committee recommends reducing retirement contributions to 2.5%.

Executive Committee recommended 10% decrease in staff hours, excluding any reductions that would eliminate benefit eligibility or that have been reduced previously; and recommended temporary full stop to retirement contributions. This totals about \$105,000 in savings; recommend using \$45,000 reserves to close gap. Fiscal noted that previous year budget drew reserves down \$100,000 already, due to unmet revenue raising goals.

Mickie asked if there is a cap on annual reserve draw-down; there is not but group agreed it should be added to future agenda. Lisa suggested allowing hour reductions to be cumulative over a month; that would be up to supervisor. Mickie also requested a full breakdown of reserves status by program in a future meeting. Lisa suggested revisiting admin rate taken. Broad discussion of how to structure reductions.

**MOTION, Arnsberger/Schwickerath**, to eliminate agency contribution to staff retirement accounts for one year; a 10% reduction of staff hours (exclusive of Project SCOUT) where it will not impact benefit eligibility; and to use approximately \$50,000 of reserves to cover the balance. **PASSED** (Wayne dissents).

2. Executive Committee – no report.
3. Resource Development Committee – 6.C-1 in packet. RDC is working on expanding donor base. Will be conducting campaign for ‘virtual tea party’ based on mailing list generated by Board members, with Advisory Council support.

Lisa reported on approaching mail house (Lawman, Mask, & Neil?) to help build donor base, specifically for Project SCOUT and FGP/SCP.

Wayne requested template for information (name, business, contact info, etc.)

4. Nominating & Board Development – no report.
5. Advocacy Committee
  - a. State & Local Funding – CDA seems to prioritize bureaucracy over aging programs. Many AAA directors sharing similar sentiments at C4A. Clay reported on last-minute IFF changes and CDA’s lack of transparency. CDA also submitted budget proposal to legislature before comment period even ended. Proposal also does not spell out specific baseline funding for AAAs.  
Clay discussed ongoing issues with rent being charged to senior programs in SBC. Group discussed funding challenges at local level. Mickie suggested meeting with new Hollister City Manager; Corey also has a contact with CM’s assistant, who Mindy vouched for.
  - b. Candidate Forums – Wayne reported on San Benito County forum and watch party with Martha’s Kitchen. Clay reported on Santa Cruz County forum which incumbent did not attend.
  - c. California Senior Legislature Report – Clay reported on election; both Mickie and Antonio were reelected.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

1. Budget Shortfalls –
2. Agency Operations –
3. SB 1249 & CDA's 2030 Plan –
4. Master Plan for Aging Local Playbooks – SBC very cooperative, SCC less so. SCC Governance Body meeting June 1 at 3:30 PM.

## 8. Program Reports (written) –

1. *FGP/SCP*
2. *ADRC*
3. *Volunteer Coordination Project*
4. *Project SCOUT*

## 9. Miscellaneous Correspondence & Other Items

Clay reported on Make a Difference Day event and Karen Delaney's retirement. Ed was there with volunteers to receive an award. A very good event.

**Next month's meeting in Hollister!**

## 12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Next Meeting: June 18 **\*\*In Hollister\*\*** 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Minutes prepared by: Zachary Johnson





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The Finance Committee and the Executive Committees met on Thursday, June 11, 2026. The Fiscal staff presented updates to the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 budgets. Below are the highlights of the discussions held at these meetings.

Reserves

The Reserve amount shown on each program’s Profit & Loss Report is comprised of two sets of numbers. Going forward, these numbers will be recorded and shown as separate line items.

1. Reserves (aka Unrestricted Funds): the amount shown will represent monies that can be used for various approved purposes, such as cash flow, emergencies, or capital purchases.
2. Obligated Funds (aka Restricted Funds): the amount shown will represent monies legally committed to program grants, contracts, etc. These funds can only be used for a specific purpose.

2024-2025 Reserves Balance – Agency Wide	\$651,404
2025-2026 Obligated Expense Funds - AAA	(138,193)
2025-2026 Use of Reserves to balance budget	(315,646)
2025-2026 Reserves Balance – Agency Wide	\$330,300

2025-2026 Budget vs. Actual

It was determined that the projected budget deficit will increase to \$315,000. An accurate Budget vs. Actual report will be completed in August when all June expenses have been recorded.

2026-2027 Budget

Acknowledging the reductions approved at the May Board meeting, it was agreed upon to wait for the finalized 2025-2026 budget before moving forward with the 2026-2027 budget. If needed for grant applications, a temporary 2026-27 budget will be approved by the Executive Committee.

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## Seniors Council of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

### Agency Wide Budget vs. Actual

July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
PRIOR YEAR RELEASE FROM RESTRIC	25,000.00			
<b>CFL</b>				
Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total CFL</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRANTS REC'D (Income)	4,088,851.29	3,773,854.43	314,996.86	4,475,452.45
<b>LOCAL MATCH RECEIVED-JURIS.</b>				
City of Capitola	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
City of Hollister	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00
County of San Benito	0.00	33,665.26	-33,665.26	33,665.26
County of Santa Cruz	122,000.00	118,041.68	3,958.32	154,750.00
LOCAL MATCH RECEIVED-JURIS. - Other	0.00			
<b>Total LOCAL MATCH RECEIVED-JURIS.</b>	127,000.00	156,706.94	-29,706.94	202,915.26
<b>LOCAL MATCH RECEIVED - OTHER</b>				
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>				
Newman's Own Foundation	10,000.00			
Golden State Opp Foundation	37,500.00	30,000.00	7,500.00	30,000.00
NANCY BUCK RANSOM FOUNDATION	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	10,000.00
SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY CREDIT UNI	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - San Beni	44,800.00	42,800.00	2,000.00	42,800.00
HARDEN FOUNDATION	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	25,000.00
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Santa Cr	25,000.00			
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Monterey	15,000.00			
FOUNDATIONS - Other	200.00	167,057.60	-166,857.60	185,567.24
<b>Total FOUNDATIONS</b>	132,500.00	279,857.60	-147,357.60	298,367.24
MISC CASH DONATIONS	12,175.68	5,698.00	6,479.68	7,819.00
MISC VOL RECOGNITION	355.00	0.00	355.00	0.00
<b>UNITED WAY</b>				
Monterey County	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santa Cruz County	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00
UNITED WAY - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total UNITED WAY</b>	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total LOCAL MATCH RECEIVED - OTHER</b>	145,030.68	290,553.60	-145,522.92	311,186.24
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
FGP / SCP 5310	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seniors Council Admin	26,020.00	57,390.00	-31,370.00	68,868.00
REFUNDS & DEPOSITS RETURNED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC INCOME	1,325.17	5,000.00	-3,674.83	5,000.00
OTHER INCOME - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total OTHER INCOME</b>	27,345.17	62,390.00	-35,044.83	73,868.00
SHARE OF COSTS RECEIVED	23,715.85	21,000.00	2,715.85	28,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	4,436,942.99	4,304,504.97	132,438.02	5,091,421.95
<b>Gross Profit</b>	4,436,942.99	4,304,504.97	132,438.02	5,091,421.95
<b>Expense</b>				
RECORDS SHREDDING	295.90	175.00	120.90	175.00
INCONVENIENCE FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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### Agency Wide Budget vs. Actual

July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>PURCHASED FALLS PREVENTION SERV</b>				
EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PURCHASED FALLS PREVENTION SERV - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total PURCHASED FALLS PREVENTION SERV</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
OFFICE FURNITURE	2,482.27	2,037.00	445.27	2,037.00
WEBSITE	249.50	0.00	249.50	0.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEETING EXPENSE	2,627.61	1,893.77	733.84	2,500.03
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	26,020.00	65,140.00	-39,120.00	78,168.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	2.20	0.00	2.20	0.00
RETURN OF GRANT FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	12,554.76	7,697.00	4,857.76	7,822.00
BANK FEES	224.96	463.56	-238.60	480.00
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>				
SUB-CONTRACTOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VENDORS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AUDIT	34,703.80	28,650.92	6,052.88	28,650.92
CASUAL LABOR	220.00	1,150.00	-930.00	1,150.00
CONSULTANTS	26,102.00	36,826.00	-10,724.00	40,050.00
SYNERGY	11,916.23	9,575.70	2,340.53	9,575.70
TRANSLATION	9,486.60	9,346.68	139.92	11,600.00
<b>Total CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>	<b>82,428.63</b>	<b>85,549.30</b>	<b>-3,120.67</b>	<b>91,026.62</b>
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK	1,441.53	2,083.36	-641.83	2,500.00
DISASTER KIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ELECTRONIC FILING	1,371.68	1,994.46	-622.78	2,500.00
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>				
EQUIPMENT- EXPENDABLE	5,444.67	1,500.00	3,944.67	1,500.00
<b>EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>				
<b>    MEDICAL GUARDIAN</b>				
Mini Guardian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MG Home	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MG Classic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MG Active	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total MEDICAL GUARDIAN</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
EQUIPMENT RENTAL - Other	8,399.99	9,536.46	-1,136.47	11,429.97
<b>Total EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>	<b>8,399.99</b>	<b>9,536.46</b>	<b>-1,136.47</b>	<b>11,429.97</b>
<b>Total EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>13,844.66</b>	<b>11,036.46</b>	<b>2,808.20</b>	<b>12,929.97</b>
FEES	505.00	0.00	505.00	0.00
INSURANCE	11,830.20	8,973.43	2,856.77	9,846.53
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	32,148.16	27,824.82	4,323.34	32,663.78
MEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEMBERSHIPS	10,861.93	6,137.31	4,724.62	6,349.08
OFFICE SUPPLIES	27,246.24	24,113.63	3,132.61	27,648.89
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
<b>    BENEFITS</b>				
403b	46,158.55	48,724.63	-2,566.08	56,012.56

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### Agency Wide Budget vs. Actual

July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
HEALTH INSURANCE	176,931.22	203,199.54	-26,268.32	231,657.66
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	6,771.00	7,214.60	-443.60	7,493.76
BENEFITS - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total BENEFITS</b>	<b>229,860.77</b>	<b>259,138.77</b>	<b>-29,278.00</b>	<b>295,163.98</b>
<b>PAYROLL - WAGES</b>				
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P/R TAX EXPENSE	76,578.01	83,129.97	-6,551.96	97,038.33
PAYROLL - WAGES - Other	932,889.86	967,161.11	-34,271.25	1,125,680.21
<b>Total PAYROLL - WAGES</b>	<b>1,009,467.87</b>	<b>1,050,291.08</b>	<b>-40,823.21</b>	<b>1,222,718.54</b>
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>1,239,328.64</b>	<b>1,309,429.85</b>	<b>-70,101.21</b>	<b>1,517,882.52</b>
POSTAGE	4,372.77	3,250.50	1,122.27	3,813.12
PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	2,136.06	11,518.90	-9,382.84	12,023.41
<b>SPACE COSTS</b>				
DEPOSIT	0.00	-220.00	220.00	-220.00
JANITORIAL	4,700.00	3,562.62	1,137.38	4,497.66
OFFICE RENT	79,549.16	71,411.50	8,137.66	84,190.70
STORAGE RENT	919.96	3,005.88	-2,085.92	3,519.46
TRAINING FACILITIES	0.00	400.00	-400.00	400.00
UTILITIES	11,535.94	10,905.22	630.72	12,814.74
<b>Total SPACE COSTS</b>	<b>96,705.06</b>	<b>89,065.22</b>	<b>7,639.84</b>	<b>105,202.56</b>
STAFF RECOGNITION	239.54	771.91	-532.37	1,200.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS & PUBLICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	15,649.25	15,879.27	-230.02	18,852.82
<b>TOTAL GRANTS PAID (Expense)</b>				
FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRANTS PAID (Expense)	2,308,591.00	2,023,301.60	285,289.40	2,417,072.00
GRANT RELATED INCOME (Expense)	117,726.00	136,094.04	-18,368.04	163,313.00
MATCH CASH	516,978.00	1,424,512.52	-907,534.52	1,709,415.00
MATCH IN-KIND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NON MATCH CASH	138,025.00	97,659.68	40,365.32	116,658.00
NON MATCH IN-KIND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LESS MATCH	-772,729.00	-1,657,821.68	885,092.68	-1,989,386.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS PAID (Expense) - Other</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total TOTAL GRANTS PAID (Expense)</b>	<b>2,308,591.00</b>	<b>2,023,746.16</b>	<b>284,844.84</b>	<b>2,417,072.00</b>
<b>TRAINING</b>				
FEES	889.08	7,000.00	-6,110.92	7,000.00
LODGING	1,419.97	0.00	1,419.97	0.00
MEALS	344.00	0.00	344.00	0.00
TRAINING - Other	710.00	0.00	710.00	0.00
<b>Total TRAINING</b>	<b>3,363.05</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>-3,636.95</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>TRAVEL-STAFF</b>				
TRAVEL-LOCAL	11,489.35	11,810.64	-321.29	14,245.74
TRAVEL-LONG DISTANCE	799.34	3,700.00	-2,900.66	3,700.00
<b>Total TRAVEL-STAFF</b>	<b>12,288.69</b>	<b>15,510.64</b>	<b>-3,221.95</b>	<b>17,945.74</b>
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>				
RECRUITMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER VOL COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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## Seniors Council of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

### Agency Wide Budget vs. Actual

July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
INSURANCE	1,738.13	1,390.00	348.13	1,390.00
MEALS	62,619.95	56,804.18	5,815.77	68,185.00
PHYSICAL EXAMS	90.00	800.00	-710.00	850.00
RECOGNITION	14,337.03	8,550.00	5,787.03	8,350.00
STIPENDS				
TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COORDINATORS	60.00	833.34	-773.34	1,000.00
TAX ASSISTORS	2,520.00	3,391.68	-871.68	4,400.00
STIPENDS - Other	501,259.00	448,233.34	53,025.66	537,880.00
<b>Total STIPENDS</b>	<b>503,839.00</b>	<b>452,458.36</b>	<b>51,380.64</b>	<b>543,280.00</b>
TRAINING	1,126.00	0.00	1,126.00	0.00
TRAVEL	95,426.70	108,605.86	-13,179.16	130,327.00
UNIFORMS	0.00	5,400.00	-5,400.00	5,400.00
<b>Total VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>679,176.81</b>	<b>634,008.40</b>	<b>45,168.41</b>	<b>757,782.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,587,986.10</b>	<b>4,355,299.95</b>	<b>232,686.15</b>	<b>5,135,421.07</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-151,043.11</b>	<b>-50,794.98</b>	<b>-100,248.13</b>	<b>-43,999.12</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
INTEREST INCOME	678.95	760.03	-81.08	900.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>678.95</b>	<b>760.03</b>	<b>-81.08</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BAD DEBT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>678.95</b>	<b>760.03</b>	<b>-81.08</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-150,364.16</b>	<b>-50,034.95</b>	<b>-100,329.21</b>	<b>-43,099.12</b>

Reserves as of 6/30/26      656,501





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**Date:** 6-12-26

**To:** Seniors Council Board of Directors, AAA Advisory Council

**From:** Clay Kempf, Executive Director

**RE:** Advocacy Committee Report

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE FORUMS**

We successfully held Board of Supervisor Forums in both Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. Zach will report on these events during the meetings.

**CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION & RELATED ITEMS**

Updates on CDA's California 2030 Plan and implementation of SB 1249, along with an update on SB 1261 are included in my Executive Director's report. We'll want to discuss them under committee reports during the meetings, but written material can be found as part of the Executive Director report.

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# OMB Uniform Guidance Approved Changes (2024) vs. Proposed Changes (May 2026)

Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Part 1 / overall 2 CFR	Treated and commonly described as OMB "guidance."	Reframes subtitle A as an OMB regulation and proposes "Uniform Grants Regulation" as a plain-language name for part 200.	More formal regulatory posture; agencies have less room to treat 2 CFR as advisory.
Parts 25, 170, 180, 182, 183	Existing governmentwide systems, subaward reporting, debarment, drug-free workplace, trafficking provisions.	Replaces "guidance" terminology; updates subaward reporting references from FSRS.gov to SAM.gov; removes statements that parts 180/182 are "guidance not regulation."	Reinforces the mandatory nature and updates reporting platform references.
Part 176	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)-related award terms remained in 2 CFR.	Removes part 176 as obsolete.	Cleans out Recovery Act provisions no longer used for new awards.
Subpart A § 200.1 Definitions	Included fixed-amount award and Protected Personally Identifiable Information (PII) definitions; compliance supplement referenced annual updates.	Removes fixed-amount award and Protected PII definitions; revises Federal award date, improper payment, PII, unobligated balance; deletes "annually updated" from compliance supplement.	Supports elimination of fixed-amount awards and signals possible change to annual Compliance Supplement cadence.
Subpart B § 200.101 Applicability	Allowed fixed-amount awards; conflicts with statutes/regulations addressed together.	Removes fixed-amount award references; separates statutory conflicts from non-statutory agency regulatory conflicts; states subpart F and § 200.340 govern conflicting non-statutory agency regulations.	Strengthens governmentwide uniformity, especially audit and termination rules.
Subpart B § 200.102 Exceptions	Agencies could request exceptions; fixed-amount awards referenced.	Removes references to fixed-amount awards and emphasizes the places where OMB approval is specifically required, such as § 200.340.	Narrows agency flexibility where OMB wants central control.

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Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart B § 200.106 Agency implementation	Focused on agency implementation of Part 200.	Adds agency responsibility to comply with other subtitle A parts, including parts 25, 170, 175, 180, 182, 183, and 184.	Makes agency compliance obligations broader and more explicit.
Subpart B § 200.111 English language	Included broader language-access related framing.	Refocuses on basic requirement that announcements, applications, and award information be in English and U.S. dollars.	Reduces emphasis on translation/accessibility flexibility.
Subpart B § 200.112 Conflict of interest	Required conflict disclosures but not this specific disclosure.	Requires disclosure if employees working on the proposal or award worked for the awarding agency in the prior two years.	Adds a new pre-award transparency disclosure.
Subpart B § 200.113 Mandatory disclosures	Required disclosure of credible evidence of violations.	Requires OIGs to transmit disclosures to the U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C. within 10 days.	Increases enforcement escalation.
Subpart C § 200.201 Fixed amount awards	2024 retained and refined fixed amount awards.	Eliminates fixed amount awards unless authorized by statute.	Major reversal from 2024; recipients lose a flexible award structure.
Subpart C § 200.202 Program design	Focused on program goals/objectives and performance.	Adds requirements around statutory public purpose, agency priorities, nonprofit eligibility restrictions, R&D international elements, multi-year awards, and research categorization.	More agency control over program design and alignment with administration priorities.
Subpart C § 200.204 NOFOs	NOFOs for competitive opportunities; Grants.gov posting; 500-word executive summary was best practice.	Requires public announcement of all discretionary opportunities, including limited/noncompetitive as appropriate; applications generally through Grants.gov; SOIs encouraged; 500-word executive summary becomes required unless exception approved.	More transparency, but also tighter standardization of application processes.
Subpart C § 200.205 Merit review	Merit review required, with agency discretion.	Adds senior appointee pre-issuance review tied to law, agency priorities, national interest, EO 14332, and "Gold Standard Science" concepts.	Politically appointed leadership would have a more explicit role in award review.

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Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart C § 200.206 Risk review	Applicant risk review included financial stability, performance, integrity, audit findings, etc.	Expands factors: financial capacity for high-dollar awards, publicly verifiable questionable practices, foreign gift/contract disclosures, and certain affiliations.	Risk review becomes broader and more discretionary.
Subpart C § 200.208 Specific conditions	Agencies could impose conditions based on risk.	Allows adding/removing conditions during the period of performance; 15-day timeline after certain risk determinations; program-level conditions allowed.	More dynamic risk-based award management.
Subpart C § 200.211 Award information	Required award terms and conditions; termination provisions included.	Requires § 200.340 termination provisions to be included or incorporated by reference in every award.	Makes discretionary termination notice more explicit.
Subpart C § 200.216 Prohibited equipment/services/systems	Focused mainly on telecom/video surveillance restrictions.	Adds prohibited unmanned aircraft systems requirements under the American Security Drone Act.	Adds drone procurement/operation compliance obligations.
Subpart C New § 200.218	No equivalent provision.	Prohibits use of Federal awards to promote/support disparate-impact liability theories, to the maximum extent permitted by law.	New national policy restriction.
Subpart C New § 200.219	No equivalent provision.	Prohibits discriminatory event services based on viewpoint, content, subject matter, or ideological/religious affiliation.	New free-speech/viewpoint neutrality condition, especially relevant to public entities and federally funded program activities.
Subpart C New § 200.220	No governmentwide equivalent.	Prohibits Federal funds for covered foreign collaborations unless statutorily authorized or agency-approved.	New national security/foreign collaboration restriction.
Subpart D § 200.300 National policy requirements	2024 emphasized compliance with the Constitution, statutes, nondiscrimination, and other national policy requirements.	Adds specific restrictions related to unlawful DEI/DEIA, gender ideology, and transition-related procedures for minors, to the maximum extent permitted by law.	Significant policy shift from 2024; OMB expressly says its 2026 rationale differs from some 2024 policy positions.

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Reference	2024 Version	May 2025 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart D § 200.303 Internal controls	Referenced GAO Green Book and COSO as internal control frameworks; required safeguarding PII.	Deletes express GAO/COSO framework reference; adds confidential business information safeguards; proposes E-Verify participation for employees/contractors hired in or performing work in the U.S. under awards.	Less reliance on external control frameworks, but adds workforce eligibility compliance.
Subpart D § 200.305 Federal Payment	No explicit governmentwide requirement in § 200.305 that is tied to Treasury's Do Not Pay system.  Also, payment requests generally tied to existing financial management/internal control requirements.	Adds reference requiring agencies/pass-through entities to use Treasury's Do Not Pay tools prior to issuing payments. Explicitly requires justification/documentation supporting payment requests before issuing Federal funds.	Increased screening for fraud, improper payments, excluded parties, deceased individuals, duplicate payments, etc. before funds are issued.
Subpart D § 200.318 Procurement	Included broader procurement examples, including labor/employment practices.	Adds documentation/market-rate support for materials under time-and-materials contracts; removes certain labor examples; limits project labor agreement language to federal-interest/cost-effectiveness context.	More cost-control focus; less labor-policy language.
Subpart D § 200.320 Procurement methods	Cost-reimbursement contracts were allowed under procurement standards.	Strongly discourages cost-reimbursement contracts; requires agency notice and written justification; agencies may require prior approval.	More scrutiny of higher-risk contract types.
Subpart D § 200.322 Domestic preferences	Included domestic preference language plus Build America Buy America (BABA) infrastructure requirements.	Removes broad recipient language and directs agencies to include domestic preference terms where practicable and lawful; preserves BABA for infrastructure.	Shifts responsibility toward agencies and legal authority analysis.
Subpart D § 200.329 Performance reporting	Required performance reporting.	Requires recipients to confirm subawards issued during the reporting period were reported to SAM.gov; adds scientific research categorization reporting.	Ties performance reporting to subaward transparency.

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Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart D § 200.331 Related entities	Required subrecipient/contractor determinations.	Clarifies that related-party transfers cannot be treated as internal allocations and must be classified as a subaward or contract.	Targets affiliated-entity pass-through arrangements
Subpart D § 200.332 Pass-through entities	Required subaward information, monitoring, and risk-based oversight.	Adds explicit SAM.gov subaward reporting reminder, related-entity classification responsibility, and reputational-risk consultation with agency.	Expands pass-through monitoring expectations.
Subpart D § 200.333 Fixed amount subawards	2024 allowed fixed-amount subawards up to \$500,000 with prior approval.	Removes authority to issue fixed-amount subawards.	Major reversal from 2024 flexibility.
Subpart D § 200.336 Records storage	Addressed collection, transmission, and storage of information.	Encourages domestic storage capabilities for electronic records.	Adds data-security/national-jurisdiction preference.
Subpart D § 200.339 Remedies	Listed agency remedies for noncompliance.	Allows agencies, at their discretion, to cooperate with private parties pursuing private causes of action/remedies.	Adds a potential litigation-support pathway.
Subpart D § 200.340 Termination/suspension	Allowed termination if the award no longer effectuates program goals or agency priorities.	Clarifies discretionary termination, including agency priorities/national interest, and adds temporary suspension concepts.	Makes mid-award termination/suspension authority more explicit.
Subpart E §§ 200.400, 200.401	Cost principles applied broadly; certain nonprofits could use 48 CFR part 31 principles; hospital cost principles referenced.	Removes fixed amount award references; removes hospital references; narrows nonprofit exemption to entities with 90%+ Federal funding through contracts or FFRDCs.	More nonprofits would remain under subpart E.
Subpart E § 200.421 Advertising/public relations	Certain advertising and PR costs allowable when necessary for award purposes.	Specifies advertising/PR costs are unallowable except limited cases; PR only if required by statute; advertising only for listed award-related purposes.	More restrictive allowability standard.
Subpart E § 200.429 Commencement/convocation	Restriction focused on IHEs.	Applies restriction to all entity types.	Broadens unallowability beyond colleges/universities.

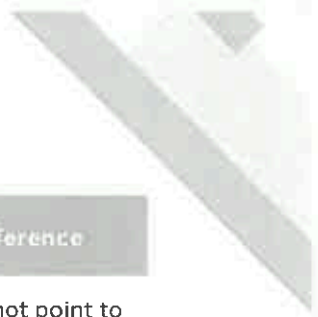
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Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart E § 200.432 Conferences	Conference costs are allowed when consistent with award/cost principles.	Attendance costs are allowable only if expressly agency-approved and included in award terms.	Adds prior/express approval expectation through terms and conditions.
Subpart E § 200.442 Fundraising/ investment	Generally unallowable except in limited cases.	Allows only with prior written approval from a Federal agency.	Prior approval becomes central.
Subpart E § 200.444 General government costs	General government costs are unallowable, with exceptions.	Clarifies that these are general executive, legislative, or judicial branch activities, not tied to a specific award; removes the Councils of Government reference.	Clarifies government-recipient cost boundaries.
Subpart E § 200.450 Lobbying	Lobbying restrictions already applied.	Consolidates OMB memo references and clarifies that lobbying includes efforts to influence state government matters unrelated to award objectives/performance.	Broadens/clarifies state-level lobbying restriction.
Subpart E § 200.454 Memberships/ subscriptions	Certain memberships/subscriptions allowable.	Allows only costs necessary to fulfill award requirements and with Federal agency prior approval; country clubs and lobbying/issue-advocacy organizations are unallowable.	More restrictive; prior approval added.
Subpart E § 200.455 Organization costs	Organization costs addressed generally.	Clarifies that integrated data system costs should align with Federal grants data standards on Grants.gov.	Links data costs to GREAT Act data standards.
Subpart F § 200.503 Other audits	Other audit requirements could apply.	Clarifies additional audits by agencies, Inspector General (IG)s, or Government Accountability Office (GAO) only when authorized by statute.	Limits extra audit layering absent statutory authority.
Subpart F § 200.513 Compliance Supplement	Referred to annual Compliance Supplement.	Deletes "annual" before Compliance Supplement.	Signals a possible non-annual issuance cycle.

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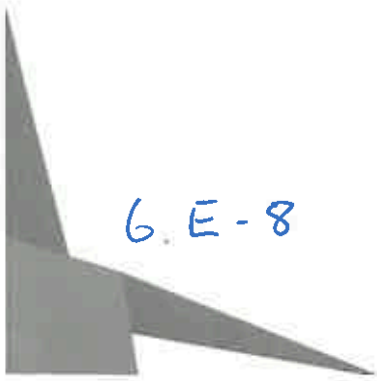


Reference	2024 Version	May 2026 proposed change	Practical difference
Subpart F § 200.514 Audit scope	Referenced GAO Green Book/COSO internal control frameworks.	Deletes those references, consistent with § 200.303.	Auditors would not point to those frameworks as expressing 2 CFR standards.
Appendix I: NOFOs	O24 Appendix I emphasized a simplified NOFO structure.	Requires Grants.gov applications unless statutory or agency-head-approved exception; adds SOI references.	More standardized application route and optional first-stage screening.
Appendix II: Contract provisions	Included existing required contract clauses, including older EO references.	Removes reference to rescinded Executive Orders in paragraph C.	Technical cleanup of contract clauses.
Appendix VIII: Nonprofit exemptions	Listed nonprofit organizations are exempted from subpart E.	Removes and reserves Appendix VIII.	Replaces named exemptions with a narrower objective standard in § 200.401.
Appendix IX: Hospital cost principles	Contained hospital cost principles under Part 200.	Technical revision pointing to Appendix IX to Part 300 until revised hospital guidance is implemented.	Moves hospital cost principle reference out of Part 200.

The May 2026 proposal represents a major philosophical and operational shift from the 2024 Uniform Guidance revisions. While the 2024 changes focused on streamlining, flexibility, and reducing administrative burden, the 2026 proposal pivots toward:

- Stronger Federal oversight
- Increased political/agency control
- Heightened payment scrutiny
- National security and domestic sourcing priorities
- Expanded compliance enforcement

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## FY 2023-2027 Labor/HHS Appropriations

As of June 9, 2026 (Dollars in thousands) Increases over prior year final funding are noted in **BOLD**. Decreases are noted in *italics*.

Older Americans Act and Other Key Aging Programs	FY 2023 Enacted Dec. 2022	FY 2024 Enacted 3.23.24	FY 2025 Enacted (Final CR) 3.14.25	FY 2026 Enacted 2.3.2026	FY 2027 President's Budget 4.3.26	FY 2027 House Comm. 6.9.26
<b>Title III</b>						
B: Supportive Services & Centers	<b>410,000</b>	410,000	410,000	<b>414,000</b>	414,000	414,000
C1: Congregate Meals	<b>540,342</b>	<b>565,342</b>	565,342	565,342	565,342	<b>566,342</b>
C2: Home-Delivered Meals	<b>366,342</b>	<b>381,342</b>	381,342	381,342	381,342	<b>382,342</b>
NSIP	160,069	<i>112,000</i>	112,000	112,000	112,000	<b>113,000</b>
D: Preventive Health	<b>26,339</b>	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339
E: Family Caregivers Support	<b>205,000</b>	<b>207,000</b>	<b>207,000</b>	<b>209,000</b>	209,000	209,000
<b>Title V SCSEP (DOL)</b>	405,000	405,000	405,000	395,000	0	0
<b>Title VI</b>						
A: Grants to Indians	<b>38,264</b>	38,264	38,264	<b>40,264</b>	40,264	<b>42,264</b>
C: Native American Caregivers	<b>12,000</b>	12,000	12,000	<b>14,000</b>	14,000	<b>16,000</b>
<b>Title VII</b>						
Ombudsman, Elder Abuse	<b>26,658</b>	26,658	26,658	26,658	<b>26,885</b>	<b>28,000</b>
Elder Rights Support + APS	<b>33,874</b>	33,874	33,874	33,874	<b>34,005</b>	<b>34,005</b>
<b>Title II</b>						
Aging Network Support Activities	<b>30,461</b>	30,461	30,461	30,461	30,461	<b>33,461</b>
ADRCs	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619
Program Admin.	<b>47,063</b>	<b>48,063</b>	48,063	<i>41,000</i>	<i>0, rolled into ACFC</i>	<b>43,727</b>
RDE Center	<b>5,000</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	Not mentioned	5,000
<b>Other AoA/ACL Programs</b>						
State Health Insurance Asst. Program	<b>55,242</b>	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,242
Community Care Corps	<b>5,500</b>	Unclear	Unclear	5,500	Not mentioned	<b>7,000</b>
CDSMP	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	8,000
Alzheimer's Disease Program	31,500	<b>31,500</b>	31,500	31,500	<i>16,800</i>	31,500
Elder Falls Prevention	<b>7,500</b>	7,500	7,500	7,500	<i>2,500</i>	7,500
Lifespan Respite Care	<b>10,000</b>	10,000	10,000	<b>11,000</b>	11,000	11,000
Sr Medicare Patrol	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>Other HHS</b>						
Social Services Block Grant	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
Comm. Services Block Grant	<b>804,383</b>	804,383	804,383	<b>810,383</b>	0	<i>778,000</i>
LIHEAP: Low-Inc Home Energy Asst	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>4,025,000</b>	4,025,000	<b>4,045,000</b>	0	<b>4,055,000</b>
<b>CNCS: AmeriCorps Seniors</b>	<b>236,917</b>	236,917	236,917	236,917	0	<b>241,917</b>

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**Date:** June 12, 2026

**To:** Seniors Council Board of Directors

**From:** Clay Kempf, Executive Director

**RE:** Aging & Disability Contract Authorization

Some of our contracts require Board Authorization by the funding agency as part of the legal documentation of the process. California Department of Aging contracts often require this action, including our contract to provide ADRC services.

Attached for your consideration is such a form authorizing me to execute our ADRC contract (and any subsequent amendments) for FY 2026-27.

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The Seniors Council Board of Directors hereby adopts this Board Resolution to:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute California Department of Aging Contract #: AD-2627-11
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute future amendments to these contracts

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tami Aviles, Board President

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Date Signed

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**Date:** June 12, 2026

**To:** Seniors Council Board of Directors

**From:** Clay Kempf, Executive Director

**RE:** Bank Account Signers

The following pages in your packet authorize new signers for several of our bank accounts, removing signers who are no longer with the agency and adding several new ones.

Banks require a number of steps in this process, starting with Board-specific authorization of the changes.

Thanks to all of our past signers, and for the new additions for stepping up into the role.

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The Seniors Council Board of Directors hereby adopts this Board Resolution to:

1. Authorize Board members Wayne Norton, Pam Arnsberger, and Antonio Rivas as signatories for all Seniors Council accounts with West Coast Community Bank.
2. Remove Jane Schwickerath, Gwen Yeo, and Creighton Mendivil as signatories for all Seniors Council accounts with West Coast Community Bank.

Date Approved: 6/18/2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tami Aviles, Board President

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Date Signed

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The Seniors Council Board of Directors hereby adopts this Board Resolution to:

1. Authorize Board members Wayne Norton, Pam Arnsberger, Cristina Bañuelos and Antonio Rivas as signatories for all Seniors Council accounts with Comerica Bank.
2. Remove Jane Schwickerath, Gwen Yeo, Bob Campbell, Jane Schwickerath, Barbara Canfield, and Darrell Johnson as signatories for all Seniors Council accounts with Comerica Bank.

Date Approved: 6/18/2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tami Aviles, Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

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The Seniors Council Board of Directors hereby adopts this Board Resolution to:

1. Authorize Board members Wayne Norton, Cristina Bañuelos and Antonio Rivas as additional signatories for all Seniors Council accounts with Bay Federal Credit Union.
2. Remove Gwen Yeo as a signatory for all Seniors Council accounts with Bay Federal Credit Union.

Date Approved: 6/18/2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tami Aviles, Board President

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Date Signed

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**Date:** 6-12-26

**To:** Seniors Council Board of Directors, AAA Advisory Council

**From:** Clay Kempf, Executive Director

**RE:** Executive Director's June Report

### **BUDGET SHORTFALLS**

Our budget outlook has changed dramatically since our last meeting, as outlined in the separate memo included in the packets. It highlights the need for the action taken last month by the board to decrease 202 6-27 expenditure, but clearly more action is needed and is currently under discussion.

Staff members are invited to attend the June Board meeting to hear more. In addition, an all-staff meeting is being held prior to the Board meeting on Wednesday, June 17, at 2 pm at the Watsonville office.

The Board welcomes ideas to close the budget gap, as does staff. All of us realize the hardships created by reductions in hours, benefits, and frozen wages, but are limited in mitigation options.

### **AGENCY OPERATIONS & FUNDING**

Additional revisions our AmeriCorps grant applications have been required and completed for both the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs. We remain hopefully optimistic that our funding requests for the three fiscal years of 2026-2029 will be successful. Totaling well over \$1 million per year, these grants provide the vast majority of funding for both programs, and represents our second-largest funding source, topped only by the Older Americans Act administered by California's Department of Aging. Cristina has applied for increases over her current grant amounts, and we're all crossing our fingers that those submissions will be successful. The revisions are mainly around the new requirement that answers to each of the grant questions follow a very specific format. It appears the review process has been modified significantly and is morphing from an art into a checklist.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING'S (CDA) AGING 2030 PLANS & SB 1249

The latest version of the *Intrastate Funding Formula* has become more controversial during month. CDA reports that none of the factors are being changed; however, some of the calculations they previously released were inaccurate, so a new 11x17 spreadsheet has been developed that significantly changes the allocations in at least Los Angeles County and City. Our allocation is unchanged; I haven't done a side-by-side comparison of other AAAs. But being informed that the allocations between the two L.A.s was wrong doesn't create a lot of confidence in the numbers. The new spreadsheet was shared the afternoon of May 7th; I e-mailed CDA leadership to see if they would be extending the public comment period given the change in the information being distributed and two of the five remaining days being weekends. CDA responded with a no, saying the factors haven't changed, only the resulting numbers.

California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) continues to work diligently to address and mitigate the concerns we have regarding CDA's implementation of SB 1249. It is nice to see our AAA colleagues from around the state come together in our mutual efforts to serve older adults, and share our concern over CDA's current approach to service delivery. The differences among us pale in comparison to our mutual goals, and last month's strategic planning workshop brought everyone back together with a renewed focus on our mutual goals. Many AAAs have new Directors, and the Association seems more cohesive than at any time in the past four years. C4A's new Executive Director Christina Mills and Board President Aneliza del Pinal (Santa Clara) deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their leadership.

Senator John Laird's SB 1261, protecting ADRC's from closure and defunding for two years in the event a AAA or Independent Living Center (ILC) designation changes, continues to move forward through the legislature. CDA has asked for amendments to require CDA approval of the two-year extension; we are pleased that Senator Laird has NOT accepted those amendments. Bill language is short and consists of the following:

***"(g) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, the California Department of Aging shall not revoke the designation of an ADRC program solely due to the revocation of a designation, suspension, voluntary resignation or temporary inability of either the area agency on aging or the independent living center partner to serve in its operator role. In those circumstances, either the area agency on aging or the independent living center may continue to operate the ADRC independently during a transition period of not less than one year and not more than two years, upon agreement of the California Department of Aging, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee, while a new or replacement partner is identified and designated.***

***(2) During the transition period described in paragraph (1), the services provided by the ADRC shall continue without interruption, and***

*joint operation shall be reestablished upon designation of the replacement partner that serves older adults or is a peer-led disability organization."*

### **MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (MPA) LOCAL PLAYBOOKS**

We continue to promote and share the content of our MPA Local Playbooks throughout our PSA, with mixed responses. Corey and Zach had very productive Local Playbook workgroups meetings last month, and we were pleased to hear about continued progress in both counties towards achieving some of our local goals.

Corey and I continue to make public presentations to various groups in San Benito County, keeping the playbook fresh and expanding the audience.

In Santa Cruz County, the Governance Committee met again on June 1. We were disappointed to receive a nice-looking document from County staff that outlined local goals that didn't include anything from the actual local playbook. On Wednesday evening, June 17th, we have been invited to join a 13-slide local playbook presentation by the County before the Scotts Valley City Council, mainly focusing on the needs assessment. The presentation has room for us to submit two sides. Our disappointment includes the final slide "Next Steps" not including anything about the Seniors Council, nor does it include Senior Network Services information for those needing assistance for older adults.

We still haven't been allowed to present the Local Playbook presentation to the Governance Committee. I will be sending that presentation to all of the Steering Committee members before the next meeting so they can at least be aware of its contents.

Meanwhile, the Aging and Long Term Care Commission of San Benito County continues to be the oversight committee for the San Benito County Playbook, and includes the item as a standing report at their monthly meetings. Britt, Corey and I share pertinent information at each meeting. Those efforts are embraced, and the County and the community at large does a nice job of working cooperatively and promoting the collaborative nature of the effort.

### **SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRESS REPORT & CSL ELECTIONS**

Service delivery in Hollister at the Pauline Valdivia Memorial Center continues to be more challenging than expected. The good news is that the building reopened this week, albeit without indoor bathrooms (porta-potties are present in the side parking lot), and the main entrance locked - a surprise discovery after not being mentioned during a required pre-reopening walkthrough. Hollister Parks and Rec have improved their communication and advance notification of closure and opening dates, but improvement is still needed. The City seems to be somewhat limited in their

understanding of the complexity of serving older adults and especially in the provision of healthy meals and food handling safety.

Jovenes de Antaño hasn't responded to our latest request on the transfer of the second of two vehicles that were purchased using AAA funds and are used to deliver meals. The vehicles were cooperatively handed over to Martha's Kitchen back in June/July of 2025, and legal transfer of ownership completed for one; unfortunately paperwork was not finalized for vehicle #2. We're not sure why Jovenes has challenged the ownership of both vehicles, or even one of them, but some of the arguments are bordering on the bizarre. If not resolved soon, we'll solicit the legal assistance of the state Department of Aging.

California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections we conducted last month, and we're pleased to report that incumbents Senator Mickie Luna and Assemblyman Antonio Rivas were successfully re-elected by our AAA Advisory Council.

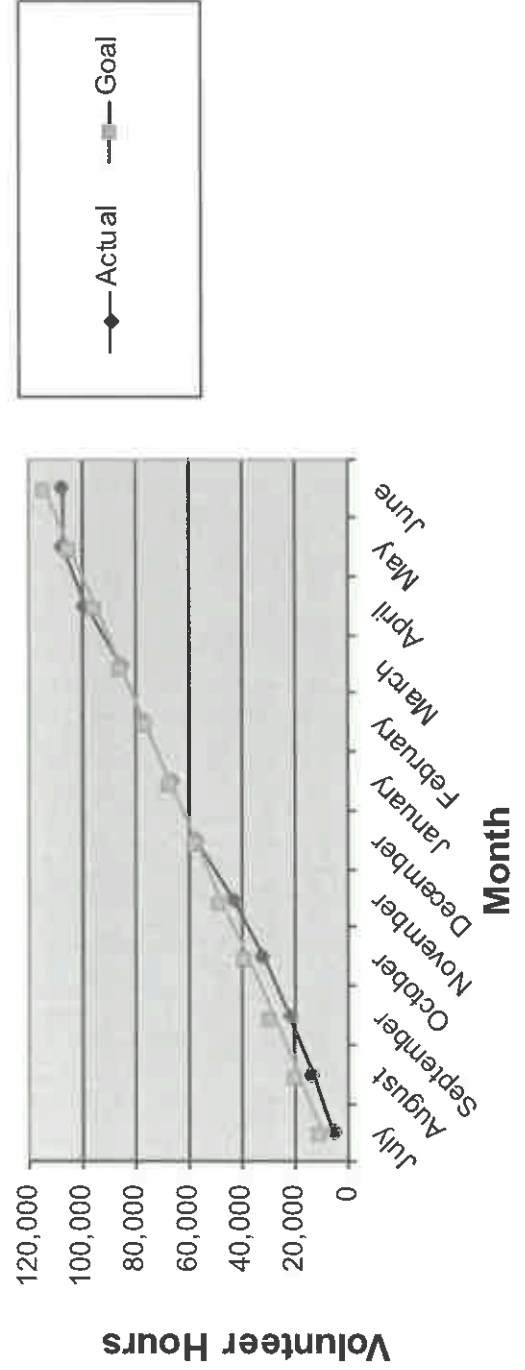
**Project Name: Seniors Council Foster Grandparent Program**

**Grant Year: 7/1/25- 6/30/26**

Month	Cumulative Hours		Monthly VSY		Monthly Hours Actual	Monthly Vols. Active	FY 24-25 Actuals		FY 23-24 Actuals		Annual VSY Goal
	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal			Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	
July	5,499	9,483	5.27	9.08	5,499	123	5,316	4,976	4,976	109	
August	12,921	18,966	7.11	9.08	7,422	123	6,996	5,585	5,585	109	
September	21,992	28,449	8.69	9.08	9,072	130	8,793	6,893	6,893	109	
October	31,502	37,932	9.11	9.08	9,510	132	9,446	7,363	7,363	109	
November	42,881	47,415	10.90	9.08	11,379	132	10,945	10,355	10,355	109	
December	56,914	56,898	13.44	9.08	14,033	135	12,266	12,862	12,862	109	
January	66,375	66,381	9.06	9.08	9,461	134	10,779	10,827	10,827	109	
February	76,233	75,864	9.44	9.08	9,858	132	8,020	7,179	7,179	109	
March	85,372	85,347	8.75	9.08	9,139	130	11,392	10,382	10,382	109	
April	99,066	94,830	13.12	9.08	13,694	131	11,665	10,621	10,621	109	
May	106,973	104,313	7.57	9.08	7,907	131	9,246	8,487	8,487	109	
June	106,973	113,796	0.00	9.08			5,055	5,739	5,739	109	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>102.46</b>		<b>106,973</b>		<b>109,918</b>	<b>101,267</b>	<b>101,267</b>		

Total VSYS Achieved

**VSY Actual to Target (Cumulative)**



**Project Name: Seniors Council Senior Companion Program**

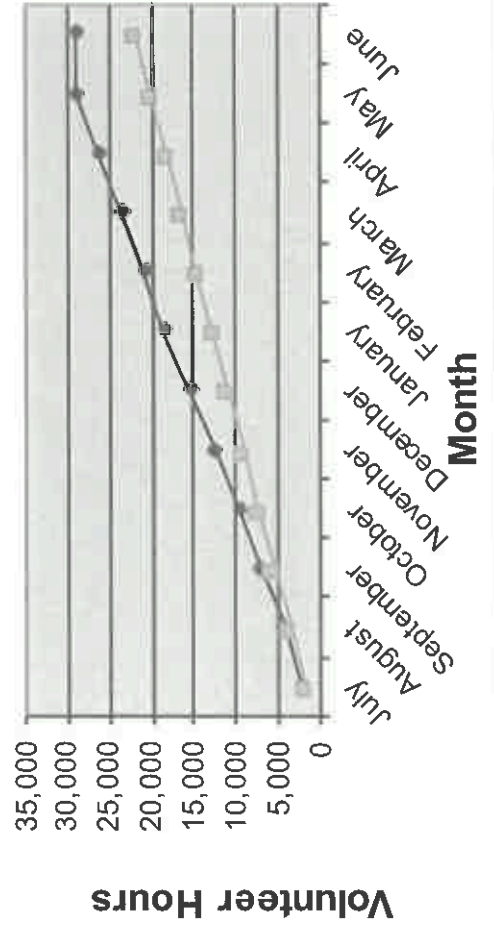
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Month	Cumulative Hours		Monthly VSY Actual	Monthly VSY Goal	Monthly Hours Actual	Monthly Vols. Active	FY 24-25 Actuals	FY 23-24 Actuals	Annual VSY Goal
	Actual	Goal							
July	2,283	1,827	2.19	1.75	2,283	30	1,837	1,540	21
August	4,405	3,654	2.03	1.75	2,122	30	1,608	1,312	21
September	7,016	5,481	2.50	1.75	2,612	30	1,909	1,640	21
October	9,731	7,308	2.60	1.75	2,715	31	2,055	1,691	21
November	12,534	9,135	2.68	1.75	2,803	31	2,504	2,498	21
December	15,557	10,962	2.90	1.75	3,023	32	2,614	3,189	21
January	18,567	12,789	2.88	1.75	3,010	32	2,159	2,485	21
February	20,949	14,616	2.28	1.75	2,382	32	1,643	1,802	21
March	23,624	16,443	2.56	1.75	2,675	37	1,989	2,516	21
April	26,382	18,270	2.64	1.75	2,758	37	1,585	2,522	21
May	28,996	20,097	2.50	1.75	2,614	37	1,959	1,940	21
June	28,996	21,924	0.00	1.75			1,688	1,787	21
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>27.77</b>		<b>28,996</b>		<b>23,547</b>	<b>24,921</b>	

Total VSYS Achieved

**VSY Actual to Target (Cumulative)**





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Monthly Report to the Board of Directors – Seniors Council of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

Submitted by Corey Shaffer, Community Coordinator

Senior Services Planning and Volunteer Engagement

San Benito County, Seniors Council

For the Month of May 2026

## **OVERVIEW**

May focused on Older Americans Month activities, community outreach, volunteer engagement, partnership development, and increasing awareness of programs and services available to older adults throughout San Benito County.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (SBCVOLUNTEERS.ORG)**

Continued outreach and support of participating agencies utilizing SBCVolunteers.org, with ongoing promotion of volunteer opportunities and community engagement efforts throughout the county.

Current Platform Snapshot:

- 22 active agencies registered on the platform
- 61 registered users
- 10 active volunteer opportunities
- More than 3,000 agency profile views year-to-date
- More than 1,200 volunteer opportunity views year-to-date

Volunteer opportunities currently promoted through the platform include HICAP, CASA of San Benito County, Bridge Hospice, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Downtown Hollister Association events, and senior meal programs.

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## **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

May was recognized as Older Americans Month, providing opportunities to celebrate older adults and increase awareness of local resources, services, and volunteer opportunities.

Outreach efforts included presentations, community engagement activities, partnership development, and recognition events highlighting the contributions of older adults throughout San Benito County.

Additional outreach highlights are included in the attached May 2026 Community Engagement Highlights.

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS**

- Presented to the San Benito County Business Council regarding aging initiatives, volunteer engagement, and resources available to older adults.
- Participated in Older Americans Month recognition activities with community partners throughout the county.
- Continued collaboration with local agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders to strengthen partnerships and support aging-related initiatives.
- Met with Leah Calderon from the City of Hollister to discuss opportunities for continued collaboration and community engagement efforts supporting older adults.

## **MASTER PLAN FOR AGING (MPA)**

Continued support of San Benito County's local Master Plan for Aging implementation efforts through outreach, partnership development, presentations, and collaboration with community stakeholders.

Ongoing efforts continue to support initiatives related to healthy aging, caregiving, housing, inclusion and equity, and affording aging throughout San Benito County.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH**

Continued development and promotion of the San Benito County Seniors Connect newsletter and related outreach materials.

During May, communications efforts focused on Older Americans Month, community events, health and wellness resources, safety awareness, and opportunities for older adults to remain connected, informed, and engaged in the community.

A sample outreach graphic used during May is attached as an example of community communication and awareness efforts.

## **OBSERVATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Community interest in volunteer opportunities and aging resources continues to grow.
- Presentations and outreach activities continue to strengthen community partnerships and increase awareness of available services.
- Opportunities remain to expand agency participation and volunteer engagement through SBCVolunteers.org.

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## **NEXT STEPS / FOCUS AREAS**

- Continue expanding participation on SBCVolunteers.org.
- Increase outreach to nonprofit organizations and community partners.
- Continue community presentations and partnership development efforts.
- Support implementation of local Master Plan for Aging initiatives.
- Continue promoting volunteer engagement, healthy aging, and community resource awareness throughout San Benito County.

## **Upcoming Activities & Presentations**

- **June 4, 2026** – Presenting at the San Benito County Behavioral Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (EDIC) meeting
- **June, 2026** – Presentation at the Community Foundation for San Benito County Executive Directors Round Table on SBCVolunteers.org and volunteer engagement efforts
- **July 30, 2026** – ¼ combined Master Plan for Aging (MPA) workgroup meeting

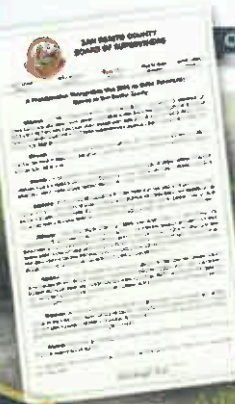


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*Honoring Our Past  
Strengthening Our Present  
Inspiring Our Future*

Recognizes  
**MAY 2026**

AS

**OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH  
IN SAN BENITO COUNTY**



*Thank You!*

To the San Benito County Board of Supervisors and all community partners, volunteers, and organizations working together to support and uplift older adults.



**STRONGER TOGETHER**

*Building a Vibrant Future*

**FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY**

We were proud to present to the San Benito County Business Council our shared commitment to supporting older adults and strengthening our community through connection, resources, and collaboration.



*Thank You*

to the San Benito County Business Council for the opportunity to share how we can support and empower older adults in our community.



*Celebrating*  
**OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH**



The City of Hollister proudly proclaims May 2026 as **Older Americans' Month!**



This proclamation recognizes the invaluable contributions of older adults in our community and reaffirms our commitment to their well-being, independence, and quality of life.

Thank you to our seniors—you inspire and strengthen our community every day!

**2026 THEME: CHAMPION YOUR HEALTH**



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**SAN BENITO  
CONNECT**  
NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR  
VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Stronger together, we celebrate, support and uplift older adults in San Benito County.

*Thank you*

to all our partners and community leaders for making a difference!

*Grateful*  
TO THE  
**HOLLISTER ROTARY CLUB**

Thank you for the warm welcome and this incredible gift!  
Honored to present the Master Plan for Aging and the Volunteer Program and to be part of such an inspiring community.



*A Gift WITH MEANING*

A reminder of the values that guide us to UNITE FOR GOOD.



*Thank you, Hollister Rotary Club!*  
Together, we can make a difference and build a brighter future for all.





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## PROJECT SCOUT

MAY 2026 Report

### 2026 Post-Tax Season Prep Sites\*

- 1-ALL: Project SCOUT Tax Facilitated Self Assistance ONLINE <http://tinyurl.com/SCOUTFSA>
- 2-Project SCOUT VITA (Ad hoc, remote, & special events).
- 3-Santa Cruz Public Library Downtown one Saturday per month by appointment\*.
- 4-La Manzana Community Resources one Thursday per month by appointment (Watsonville)\*.
- 5-Watsonville Public Library one Wednesday per month by appointment.
- 6-Watsonville Senior Center by appointment.
- 7-San Juan Bautista Public Library one Wednesday per month by appointment\*.

### Ad-Hoc Events (MAY)

In-home support services and drop offs for those unable to attend tax site events.

\*Appointments are taken by calling 831-724-2606 or emailing [projectscout@seniorscouncil.org](mailto:projectscout@seniorscouncil.org), or in person at sites that help with appointments.

### Project SCOUT MAY Tax Production Totals

#### Project SCOUT Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Tax Preparation Totals:

- Number of Federal returns prepared – 1801
- Primary or secondary 60 years old or older – 930
- Average income of those serviced – \$30,723.00
- Dollar Amount of Federal refunds including credits – \$1,756,067.00
- Dollar Amount of State refunds including credits – \$423,204.00

Dollar Amount of TOTAL refunds – **\$2,179,271.00**

Money back in the wallets of our clients, including average return cost of \$240.00 – **\$2,611,511.00!**

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## Project SCOUT Financial Impact

Tax refunds, credits, and savings returned to taxpayers in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.



## CalFresh Services MAY

CalFresh assessments have started for those seniors and disabled serviced during tax season. Outreach is happening to those who qualify for service.

- Number of Senior and disabled clients assessed for services – 17 (2 SCC, 15 SBC)
- Number of clients assisted with CalFresh in Santa Cruz County – 2
- Number of clients assisted with CalFresh in San Benito County – 3

## CalFresh Outreach and Assistance

Senior and disabled clients assessed and assisted with CalFresh enrollment in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.



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**MAY 2026 Recap**

## Challenges:

Although Project SCOUT continues meeting its budgetary needs keeping a balanced budget and a growing upward trajectory of funding in what is the one of the most unfriendly atmospheres in memory, the cancellation of COLA and wage increases, paired with health and benefit reductions are too much to swallow as cost of living in this region is over 60% higher than the national average, 45% higher than the state, inflation is about 4% higher this year alone, and both last year and this year cost of living COLA has gone up above 3%.

Seniors Council staff have been involved in meetings and planning for grants, grant writing, possible fundraising and fundraisers, etcetera. At this point in time, the results are not what any of us would like. As Project SCOUT's Program Director, just like I need to look out for my program and make certain that it is running properly, I also need to look at what options I have to allow myself and my family an upward trajectory.

## Best Practices:

On May 20th, 2026 Project SCOUT was awarded with the "Be The Difference" Award by the Santa Cruz Volunteer Center at the Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz, CA. Project SCOUT volunteers were honored for their dedication, drive, and service to our communities.

Project SCOUT received a call on May 19 from a 88-year old client who had not received her refund. There were also questions with her 2024 amended return for which our team helped her this year. She thanked our Project SCOUT volunteers and staff for their perseverance and for connecting and explaining to her the various tax situations.

The volunteer helping stated "It is clients like her that keeps me and my team at the downtown library energized. It is (Project SCOUT staff) that has our back and jumps in when things are not going as well as intended for our clients. I want to thank you in addition to the thanks from our elderly client, who felt relieved with our efforts".

I want to thank her in turn and all our Project SCOUT volunteers as none of this work could be done without their efforts and determination. It is always a joy to be a part of such an impactful program providing an upward trajectory for many.