



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmember Ben Bartlett
Subject: Budget Referral: Berkeley Age-Friendly Continuum

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the mid-year budget process \$20,000 for the Berkeley Age-Friendly Continuum.

BACKGROUND

The goal of the Berkeley Continuum is to implement an integrated, replicable and citywide continuum of services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities as they navigate the transitions of aging. The Age-Friendly Berkeley Action Plan was published in December 2018, and is the culmination of several years of community and stakeholder input. It is now in implementation mode. It is a 3-year plan and priority actions for the first year are being finalized. An internal cross-department steering committee has been appointed for the City and the Community Partners Team is also meeting. The City of Berkeley was recently awarded the SCAN Foundation Innovation Award for the State of California for the Continuum's approach to preparing Berkeley for growth in the older population and for people with disabilities.

There are several programs that have been and are in the process of being implemented as a part of the Age-Friendly Continuum:

- The Gateway Program, a prevention/intervention program that helps older adults proactively plan for their aging experience. Three seniors from the community have been trained and are doing well with the visits. An evaluation has been completed and the coming year will focus on how to move this to a sustainable future.
- The project to create a senior portal for easy access to information is in contract with the county vendor and includes collaboration with the county, the Area Agency on Aging, the Berkeley Libraries and the Senior Center.
- The model service linked senior housing/community center project has left the gate and will continue to be developed over the next few years, and the Berkeley Home Match pilot with the University has met its targets and will continue.
- ...and several other projects are in process.

Ashby Village, the fiscal sponsor for the Berkeley Age-Friendly Continuum, has requested \$20,000 from the City for the third year of its implementation. This funding will be matched through other sources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$20,000

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Berkeley Age-Friendly Continuum aims to improve the quality of life and the health and well-being of older adults.

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