

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: November 30, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 9.J

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And Boulder County For Financial Assistance To Older Adult

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (BCAAA) provides funding for financial assistance for older adults and for caregivers of older persons. For the past several years these funds have been made available to Longmont community members through an informal agreement in which City of Longmont Senior Services Resource Specialists made recommendations to the Friends of the Senior Center, Inc. (a private, non-profit corporation) and upon approval, the Friends provided funding and were later reimbursed by BCAA for some of the requested items. Going forward BCAA has chosen to directly allocate funding to Longmont Senior Services. This intergovernmental agreement allocates \$35,000 for direct assistance for adults 60+ and an additional \$10,000 for caregivers of older persons. Additionally up to \$4500 is available for administrative costs. Assistance is available for those older persons 60+ for a variety of basic needs including electronic devices, mobility aids, hearing aids, dental procedures, housing assistance, nutrition support, and eye care. Resource Specialists will match participant requests with the eligible funding source.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement (IGA)
- 2) do not approve the resolution and provide other direction to City staff

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the IGA.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There is no required matching funds. These funds will expand staff's capacity to provide direct financial assistance to older adults who need it.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

The Friends of the Longmont Senior Center have provided funding for basic needs for over 10 years and Boulder County Area Agency on Aging has provided funding for similar needs for over 5 years. These resources have helped fund a responsive and flexible system of support for older adults. City Senior Services Resource Specialists advocate for and apply to a variety of resources when assisting older adults and caregivers and having these two funding sources has been extremely important in meeting the basic needs of older persons. Staff will continue to access funds from the Friends of the Longmont Senior Center in addition to the BCAA funds identified in this agreement. With the new agreement in place, Senior Services will join other areas of the county in formalizing how and for what funds are used and collecting and analyzing data regarding these services.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Intergovernmental Agreement