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**DATE:** December 9, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D., County Executive

**FROM:** Debra Porchia-Usher, Social Services Agency Interim Director *DP*

**SUBJECT: Off-Agenda Report RE: Seniors' Agenda Access to Technology Grant Update.**

At the October 27, 2022, Children, Seniors, and Families (CSFC) meeting, the Seniors' Agenda presented its FY22 Annual Report (Item No. 8) and Supervisor Chavez requested an off-agenda report, following the stakeholder meeting, to discuss and finalize the access to technology grant and plan.

On July 15, 2022, the California Department of Aging (CDA) issued a Request for Application for the Access to Technology (ATT) Program to provide digital connectivity for Older and Disabled Adults for California counties. The County of Santa Clara submitted an application to opt-in to the program and was awarded \$2,115,575.

On November 28, 2022, the Social Services Agency (SSA) issued a Request for Proposals for the CDA-ATT Program, seeking proposals from vendors to provide devices, training, and internet access to older adult residents (age 60 and older) and adults with disabilities throughout the county.

Selected vendors will provide services to Santa Clara County's diverse population of older adults and adults with disabilities to gain access to digital connectivity and technology to reduce isolation, increase social connections, and enhance self-confidence in navigating digital and online resources, including community resources, vital services, and news. The program aims to provide services in, at minimum, English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Proposals are due by January 24, 2023, and notices of intent to award are expected to be issued on March 30, 2023. CDA has informed all counties that the grant term will end on December 31, 2023.

Seniors' Agenda is coordinating with the Santa Clara County Digital Equity Consortium and the County Senior Care Commission sharing updates regarding the ATT grant as they develop. The

Consortium and Commission have been key to providing input and guiding the project, leveraging stakeholder and community feedback.

Once the grant is approved, work will begin on the Age-friendly Three-Year Action Plan action to “Create a technology access webpage with a list of classes, affordable devices and Wi-Fi resources.” Anticipated completion is Spring of 2023.

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