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## Agency on Aging Area 4 to fund five local agencies as part of state plan to improve livability for older adults

Funding focuses on supporting historically under-resourced and under-served communities in Yuba and Sutter Counties

January 25, 2024 [Sacramento, CA] — Agency on Aging Area 4 is honored to be one of six (6) grantees awarded a total of \$1.1 million in funding from The California Department of Aging (CDA) during round 2 of the Local Aging & Disability Action Planning (LADAP) Grant Program. This planning and capacity-building grant will be used to support agency efforts in planning for and addressing the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and professional and family caregivers of today and tomorrow in Yuba and Sutter counties.

Agency on Aging Area 4 will fund a consultant to work in partnership with 5 local organizations who will each be awarded a \$10,000 microgrant to assess, plan, and develop local plans that address the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers. The local age- and disability-friendly plans developed through this opportunity are aimed at improving a community's livability for people of all ages centered on equity, cultural competency, community engagement, and disability inclusion principles and practices.

"Real, meaningful change happens when community members are empowered to participate in the process," says Pam Miller, Agency on Aging Area 4 Executive Director. "We're honored to join the nearly 100 communities across California who have already embarked upon age- and disability-friendly action planning and implementation – especially in rural and under-served communities."

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Organizations serving Yuba and Sutter counties who are interested in applying are encouraged to visit <a href="www.agencyonaging4.org/rfp">www.agencyonaging4.org/rfp</a>. Questions about this opportunity should be directed to <a href="mailto:rfp@agencyonaging4.org">rfp@agencyonaging4.org</a>. Proposals are due February 26, 2024 by 12 noon PST for service beginning April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

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## About the Local Aging & Disability Action Planning (LADAP) Grant Program:

The LADAP grant awards are part of California's Master Plan for Aging (MPA), a "blueprint" for state government, local government, the private sector, and philanthropy to prepare the state for the coming demographic changes and support our state's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. The program focuses on supporting communities and populations that have been historically under-resourced and under-served, including, but not limited to rural and frontier communities, Tribal communities, people with disabilities, people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, LGBTQ+ persons, veterans, professional and family caregivers, populations of lower incomes, and communities of immigrant and/or refugee status.

**About Agency on Aging Area 4:** Agency on Aging Area 4 (AAA4) is one of 33 agencies on aging in California designated by the State to develop, coordinate, and fund programs designed to help older adults and people with disabilities maintain their health and independence. We fund and monitor programs provided by local community-based organizations with funding under the Older Americans Act. We also provide direct services using available grant sources and collaborate with other organizations where there is opportunity and need. Learn more at <a href="https://www.agencyonaging4.org">www.agencyonaging4.org</a>.