

## Yuba County Commission on Aging Workgroup Recommendations

1. Funding is being used for area-wide programs that are unavailable or underutilized in Yuba County. These programs are being provided at a much higher rate in some counties.
  - For example, no classes have been held in Yuba County throughout the last fiscal year and less than 2% of the HICAP services are being provided in Yuba County.
  - What is the breakdown of Long-term Care Ombudsmen Program services provided by county? There are very few facilities operating in Yuba County in comparison to surrounding counties.

Recommendation: Utilize funding from these sources to offset the funding decreases being proposed for other programs.

2. Meals on Wheels and Transportation remain the highest priorities for Yuba County.

Recommendation: Retain funding for these services at the current level.

3. Explore other options and revenue sources to maintain funding and existing services at the same level. Some individuals receiving services from AAA4 programs are now eligible to new benefits available from Medi-Cal.
  - Community Supports: [TRANSFORMATION OF MEDI-CAL: COMMUNITY SUPPORTS](#)
  - Enhanced Care Management: [CalAIM-ECM-a11y](#)

Recommendation: AAA4 work with Managed Care Plans to become a provider of Medically Tailored Meals to get reimbursement for some of the Meals on Wheels costs.

Recommendation: Ensure programs are not duplicative of the services available via Managed Care Plans.

Recommendation: Consider establishing a fee-for service Meals on Wheels option for homebound seniors who are homebound but not low income. Transition existing individuals from the free program to maximize existing funding.

4. Establish a methodology for the equitable distribution of one-time funds AAA4 typically receives at the beginning of each calendar year.

Recommendation: Allow each county an opportunity to determine how their portion of the annual one-time funds would be used, including to offset the funding reductions being proposed.

5. What is the plan for any ARPA funds that could be anticipated in the next few months?

Recommendation: Consider utilizing ARPA funding to enhance programs that were primarily ARPA funding based. Provide the funding to maintain or increase capacity for programs that received a reduction in their proposed allocation for future fiscal budgets.

6. Programs in Yuba County and Sutter County include the same services provided by identical vendors. Any reduction to either county will negatively impact the other and potentially jeopardize the vendors' ability to operate.

Recommendation: Take this dynamic into consideration when making funding decisions.

7. If there are no other options and funding is decreased.

Recommendation: Shift funding from congregate meal programs, including Dine Around Town.