



HONORING OUR COMMITMENT TO SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Funding levels for many services for seniors and adults with disabilities have not kept pace with population growth, and at the same time, growing income inequality compounds the need. Right now, people 60 and over represent 20% of San Francisco's population, but by 2030, that number will grow to 25%. Many seniors and adults with disabilities are living on fixed incomes as the cost of living here continues to rise.

THE FUND

The Dignity Fund will do 2 things: 1) stabilize funding for today's services and support for seniors, veterans, adults with disabilities and adults living with chronic and life-threatening health conditions and; 2) establish a fund that will grow with the City's discretionary revenues. Any unspent funds will roll over to the next year, and it will not raise taxes.

- In 2015-16, annual spending on these services was \$32 million. Beginning in 2017-2018, the Dignity Fund will grow by \$9 million to \$41 million - a 28% increase over 2015-2016.
- In the subsequent 9 years, it will grow by an additional \$3 million in each year before switching to growth tied to increases in the City's revenue sources.
- By 2036-37, based on anticipated General Fund revenue growth, annual spending is projected to be \$111 million.

THE PROCESS

A vote of at least six of the eleven members of the Board of Supervisors is required to place it on the November 2016 ballot. As a proposed amendment to San Francisco's City Charter, it must be approved by a majority of voters at the ballot.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Department of Aging and Adult Services would administer the fund and the legislation would establish an Oversight and Advisory Committee to develop and oversee the needs assessment, planning and allocation process, to ensure that the funds are spent equitably, where best practices are employed and where the needs are highest.

ABOUT THE DIGNITY FUND COALITION

The Dignity Fund Coalition is a broad coalition of San Francisco not-for-profit and community organizations and advocates who have come together to address the growing need for services and support for seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans, and those living with chronic illnesses, to ensure that San Francisco becomes a more aging and disability friendly place.

The Coalition includes: AIDS Legal Referral Panel; Alzheimer's Assoc.; Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach; Bayview Hunters Point Multi-purpose Senior Services; Canon Kip Senior Center/ Episcopal Services; Catholic Charities; Centro Latino de San Francisco; Community Living Campaign; Curry Senior Center; Episcopal Senior Communities; Faith in Action Bay Area; Family Caregiver Alliance; Family Service Agency/Felton Institute; Filipino Community Center; HIV & Aging Work Group; HIV Long Term Survivors; Independent Living Resource Center; Institute on Aging; Jewish Family and Children's Services; Kimochi, Inc; Lighthouse for the Blind; Little Brothers Friend of the Elderly; Meals on Wheels San Francisco; Northern California Presbyterian Homes and Services; On Lok, Inc.; Openhouse; Pilipino Senior Resource Center; Project Openhand; Richmond Senior Center; San Francisco Village; Self-Help for the Elderly; Senior & Disability Action; Shanti Project; South of Market Community Action Network; Steppingstone; Swords to Plowshares; The ARC-SF; The Living Room; Veterans Equity Center; Westbay Filipino Center; YMCA of San Francisco (partial list).

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