



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Erik L. Soliván
Jim Shannon

SUBJECT: Portuguese Organization
for Social Services and
Opportunities Funding
Increase

DATE: August 3, 2026

Approved

Date:

8/11/26

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Housing Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute the Third Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Portuguese Organization for Social Services and Opportunities for the Senior Access and Health Support Program to increase compensation by \$200,000 for the July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, term, for a total grant award for that term not to exceed \$564,533.70, with the compensation increase effective retroactively to July 1, 2026.
- (b) Adopt the following 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the Multi-Source Housing Fund:
 - (1) Decrease the Unrestricted Ending Fund Balance by \$200,000; and
 - (2) Re-establish the HCA Healthcare/Good Sam appropriation to the Housing Department in the amount of \$200,000.

SUMMARY AND OUTCOME

This memorandum recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Housing Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute the Third Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Portuguese Organization for Social Services and Opportunities (POSSO) for the Senior Access and Health Support Program to increase compensation by \$200,000 for the July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, term, with the compensation increase effective retroactively to July 1, 2026. The recommended additional funding from the Multi-Source Housing Fund will provide frozen meals and

milk or juice to homebound seniors. The funding will also help cover direct operating costs necessary to deliver the program.

BACKGROUND

POSSO provides culturally and linguistically accessible services to low-income seniors through its Senior Access and Health Support Program. The program provides door-to-door transportation from participants' homes to the Portuguese Community Center, where seniors access daily activities, congregate meals, health support services, wellness checks, and other supportive services. The program also prepares and delivers meals to homebound seniors.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026, the Housing Department (Department) supplemented POSSO's annual Community Development Block Grant award of \$345,535 with one-time funding from the Housing Trust Fund of \$360,000 for a total award of \$705,535. In FY 2026-2027, an allocation of \$364,533 is included in the Community Development Block Grant award, an increase from the prior year, but supplemental funding within the Housing Trust Fund is no longer available. Following community feedback and further analysis of available funding sources after the preliminary close of FY 2025-2026, the Department identified an additional \$200,000 in one-time funding in the Multi-Source Housing Fund to help provide frozen-meal services for seniors and reduce the impact of the previous funding loss. In addition, Silicon Valley Community Foundation is contributing \$40,000, and Destination: Home is contributing \$50,000 to support the program. In total, POSSO will have funding of \$654,533 in FY 2026-2027.

ANALYSIS

The recommendations in this memorandum would authorize the Department to amend the existing grant agreement with POSSO to provide an additional one-time funding of \$200,000 to continue supporting the Senior Access and Health Support Program.

The description below summarizes the program overview and performance outcomes.

Senior Access and Health Support

POSSO currently operates the Senior Access and Health Support Program, which provides culturally and linguistically accessible programs to low-income seniors. POSSO provides door-to-door transportation services for seniors from their homes to the Portuguese Community Center to participate in daily activities, including Senior Nutrition and Health Support Services and other supportive services (wellness checks and transportation to appointments). Additionally, POSSO prepares hot meals and delivers them to homebound seniors.

The additional \$200,000 in one-time City funding will support home-delivered frozen meals for 37 low-income, homebound seniors within the Permanent Supportive Housing system, providing a minimum of 10,760 meals annually (plus fruit and milk or juice), seven days per week, 365 days per year. The City funding will also support the direct operating costs necessary to provide the service, including meal preparation, meal delivery, staffing, vehicle operation, and other program-related expenses.

The seniors served through this program are among the City's most vulnerable residents. Many are medically frail, live alone, and are unable to shop for groceries or prepare meals independently. In addition to addressing food insecurity, the program helps older adults remain healthy and safely housed in their homes, reducing isolation and supporting independence.

The Department's investment is complemented by funding from Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Destination: Home, which will help expand the program's capacity to provide home-delivered meals to additional seniors. While the City's funding supports the full scope of the program, including meal preparation, delivery, staffing, and other operating costs, the additional funding from Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Destination: Home is limited to food costs. Table 1 below summarizes proposed metrics for the expanded Senior Access and Health Support Program.

Table 1 – Key Performance Measures for the Senior Access and Health Support Program

Funding Source	Amount	Proposed Unduplicated Participants	Proposed Transports	Proposed Meals Served
City Additional Funding (Multi-Source Housing Fund)	\$200,000	37	0	10,760 (frozen)
Community Development Block Grant	\$364,533	160	600	16,796 (hot)
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	\$40,000	20	0	5,714 (frozen)
Destination: Home	\$50,000	24	0	7,143 (frozen)
Total	\$654,533	241	600	40,413

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Department will continue to monitor program implementation, tracking costs and outcomes through established key performance indicators. Regular data collection and

evaluation will ensure accountability. No additional follow-up action with the City Council is expected at this time.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Savings of \$200,000 from 2025-2026 is expected to be available within the HCA Healthcare/Good Sam appropriation in the Multi-Source Housing Fund. As this funding is eligible to support individuals requiring affordable housing and related assistance, this memorandum recommends allocating this savings from fund balance to cover the additional compensation for the Senior Access and Health Support grant agreement with POSSO in FY 2026-2027.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriations to fund the amendment to the grant agreement as recommended as part of this memorandum.

Fund #	Appn. #	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Rec. Budget Action	Amt. for Contract	2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget Page*	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
448	8999	Unrestricted Ending Fund Balance	\$21,084,064	(\$200,000)		933	6/16/2026 31336
448	232X	HCA Healthcare/Good Sam	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	N/A	N/A

**The 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget was approved on June 9, 2026, and adopted on June 16, 2026, by the City Council.*

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City Council Agenda website for the August 25, 2026 City Council meeting.

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

No board, commission, or committee recommendation or input is associated with this action.

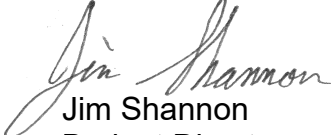
CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-003, Agreements/Contracts (New or Amended) resulting in no physical changes to the environment.

PUBLIC SUBSIDY REPORTING

This item does not include a public subsidy as defined in section 53083 or 53083.1 of the California Government Code or the City's Open Government Resolution.

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