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DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Older Adult Programming and Services

SUMMARY:

This item provides a briefing on the population of older adults in San Antonio and reviews programming and services provided by the City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2014, the City of San Antonio first joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly State and Communities (established as an independent affiliate of the World Health Organization Global Network for Age – Friendly Cities and Communities). A commitment that was reaffirmed in 2017.

The City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services (DHS), in partnership with sister city departments and community providers, provides a range of programming and services, aligned with the Age Friendly Community Framework to ensure older adults are healthy, engaged, and

independent in our community.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau (American Community Survey – 5 Year Estimate 2017-2021), there are a projected 250,184 older adults, ages 60 and older, in the City of San Antonio.

Utilizing a combination of General Fund and grant funding, in Fiscal Year 2024, more than 35,000 older adults in San Antonio were enrolled at senior centers operated by DHS and 13,592 were served by community nonprofit partners supported by the City of San Antonio. Programming and investments focus on food and resource security; social and recreational opportunities; continuing education; physical health; addressing social isolation, anxiety, and depression; technology and digital inclusion; and supportive services for older adults and their caregivers.

ISSUE:

The current population of residents, ages 60 and older, represents 17.4% of the total population in San Antonio and is expected to continue to grow.

This item provides a briefing on the population of older adults in San Antonio and highlights programming and services provided by DHS, sister city departments, and nonprofit partners to ensure older adults are healthy, engaged and independent for as long as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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