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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT FOR
COUNTY OF VENTURA SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM FY 2020-21**

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) is seeking applications for the County of Ventura Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) through a competitive bid process. SNP provides congregate and home-delivered meals to Ventura County residents aged 60 and over. Funded by the Older Californians Act and Older Americans Act, the aim of the SNP is to reduce hunger and food insecurity and promote socialization of older individuals, promote their health and well-being, and delay adverse health conditions through access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services.

Approximately \$1,889,389 will be available to fund both the provision of meal service and food supplies for the SNP countywide, for the initial contract period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Contracts may be renewed annually through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the availability of funds and contractor performance. Successful applicants will be required to execute a contract. The selected bid/proposal, related budget form, Request for Proposal (RFP), and VCAAA Contractor Manual shall be made part of the contract. The VCAAA may negotiate modification after the bid/proposal has been selected to assure that all necessary program requirements are covered before the contract is signed.

The RFP, application and budget template will be available March 12, 2020 on the VCAAA website, www.ventura.org/vcaaaa/public-notices, or by calling (805) 477-7311.

Organizations intending to apply for all or a portion of the services described in the RFP must (1) submit a formal Notice of Intent to apply by 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2020; (2) attend a grant workshop/bidders' conference on March 26, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.; and (3) submit a formal application and budget in response to the RFP by 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020. The grant workshop address, and address for submitting the notice and application is the VCAAA office: 646 County Square Drive, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93003.

Any public, nonprofit or for-profit organization may apply; no individuals may apply. Before contracts can be awarded to for-profit organizations, the VCAAA must receive prior approval from the California Department of Aging. The VCAAA reserves the right to cancel, amend or postpone this grant project. VCAAA may negotiate modification after the bid/proposal has been selected to assure that all necessary program requirements are covered before the contract is signed. For more information call (805) 477-7311.