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Helping Bay Area Seniors Live Independently

COMMUNITY LIVING FUND

For many years, older adults and younger adults with disabilities have found it difficult, if not impossible, to access the services necessary to allow them to continue living independently in their homes, or to return to community living from institutional placement. In 2007, the City and County of San Francisco launched a \$3 million Community Living Fund (CLF), which is being administered by the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).

The CLF program funds home and community-based services, or combination of goods and services, that will help individuals who are currently or at risk of being institutionalized. The program will use a two-pronged approach: (1) coordinated case management; and (2) purchase of services. It will provide the needed resources and services, not available through any other mechanisms, to vulnerable older adults and younger adults with disabilities. CLF is considered the payer of last resort.

The following groups of people will be served:

- Top priority. Patients of Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) and San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) who are willing and able to be discharged to community living.
- Nursing home eligible individuals on the LHH waiting list (some of whom are at SFGH and other hospitals) who are willing and able to remain living in the community.
- Individuals who are at imminent risk for nursing home or institutional placement, willing and able to remain living in the community with appropriate support.

Eligibility Criteria for Services under the CLF Program

- Be 18 years and older
- Be a resident of San Francisco
- Be willing and able to be living in the community with appropriate supports
- Have income up to 300% of Federal poverty level for a single adult: \$32,490 plus savings/assets of \$6,000 (Excluding assets allowed under Medi-Cal)
- Have a demonstrated need for a service and/or resource that will serve to prevent institutionalization or will enable community living.
- Be institutionalized or be deemed at assessment to be at imminent risk of being institutionalized. In order to be considered “at imminent risk”, an individual must have, at a minimum, one of the following:
 - A functional impairment in a minimum of two Activities of Daily Living (ADL): eating, dressing, transfer, bathing, toileting, and grooming; or



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- Having a medical condition to the extent requiring the level of care that would be provided in a nursing facility; or
- Being unable to manage one's own affairs due to emotional and/or cognitive impairment.

Specific conditions or situations such as substance abuse or chronic mental illness shall not be a deterrent to services if the eligibility criteria are met.

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact:

IOA Community Living Fund at (415)750-5200 or
DAAS Long Term Care Intake and Screening Unit at (415) 355-6700