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Board Approves Contracts for Senior Meal Providers

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$3.8 million to help nonprofit organizations, senior clubs, cities, and other groups provide congregate and home-delivered meals for seniors.

The move increased the County's contract with 11 senior meal providers from \$7.7 million to \$11.6 million and will allow the providers to continue serving senior meals through June 2010. In addition, the County Department of Aging and Adult Services expects to add about \$450,000 in federal stimulus money to the senior meals programs this summer.

"These meal programs help seniors living on fixed incomes make ends meet at the end of the month," Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. "The senior meals programs also offer seniors opportunities to learn about their nutritional needs, and the meals are also a great setting for seniors to socialize and to learn about what's going on in their communities."

In the past year, the senior meal providers have served about 281,540 meals at congregate sites. They have also provided about 316,644 home-delivered meals.

The additional \$3.8 million approved by the board on Tuesday comes from three sources: \$2.9 million from the federal Nutrition Program for the Elderly Act, \$216,091 from the State of California, and \$700,000 from the County of San Bernardino.

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