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**Immediate Release**

**Hudson County Board of Commissioners authorized 2022  
Budget Amendment New Jersey Department of Human  
Services Expanding AAA Public Health Workforce for \$78,610**

**Jersey City**-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners authorized 2022 Budget Amendment New Jersey Department of Human Services Expanding AAA Public Health Workforce for \$78,610.

The program will start July 1, 2022 and will run through September 30, 2024.

This funding is intended to offset the costs for Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)/Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRCs) hiring public health professionals and other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living (ACL) shares that professionals funded through this award may provide a wide range of public health services that support the health and wellbeing of older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

The intent of these funds is to increase the number of public health professionals within the aging and disability networks to support the public health of older adults and people with disability. The funding shall be used to expand the public health workforce to address the unique needs of older adults, family caregivers of older adults, grand families, and kinship families.

The kinds of professionals that can be paid for with this funding include a wide range of jobs, functions, and responsibilities found through the aging and disability networks. ACL defines them as:

Community health worker  
Program manager  
Public health nurse  
Communication and policy experts  
Case investigator  
Contract tracer  
Social support specialist  
Disease intervention specialist  
Epidemiologist  
Laboratory personnel  
Information  
Other positions required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

This funding allows for activities that specifically focuses on public health activities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic “prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19”, which encompasses a broad range of activities that have applicability to a wide variety of public health needs and scenarios.

Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Board of Commissioners are committed to providing the programs necessary to ensure the health and well-being of the residents of Hudson County impacted by COVID-19.

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