

Funding Formula Overview: Allocating Measure B Funds for Non-Mandated Services

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Background

- ▶ Current formula developed in 2003, reflecting recommendations made by PAPCO and the Joint Funding Formula Subcommittee
 - Uses age and disability data from US Census 2000 and annual SSI data from the Social Security Admin.
 - Result of evaluation of a wide variety of potential formula factors
- ▶ Minor change made to funding formula in 2007; recommendation to maintain current formula through the end of current agreements in 2012
 - Evaluate available data sources at that time (Census 2010, American Community Survey)

Givens of the Formula

- ▶ Based on decisions already made by the ACTIA Board, of the total amount of funds collected from Measure B:
 - 10.45% go to specialized transportation for seniors and people with disabilities
 - 5.63% go to *mandated* paratransit services
 - **3.39% go to *non-mandated* paratransit services**
 - 1.43% go to Gap Program

Givens of the Formula

▶ Percent of funds for **non-mandated paratransit services** allocated to each Planning Area:

– North County = 1.24%

– Central County = .88%

– South County = 1.06%

– East County = .21%

= 3.39%

Givens of the Formula

- ▶ Funds from each planning area **may not be transferred** into another area
- ▶ PAPCO formula allocates funding **ONLY within** each planning area

Funding allocations: Step 1

▶ Total population in four Census categories:

- 1) Individuals 16+ with go-outside-home disability *
- 2) Individuals 5-15 with any type of disability
- 3) Individuals 65-79
- 4) Individuals 80+ (multiplied by 1.5)

▶ Annual population in one category

- 5) SSI recipients 18 and older
 - SSI = Supplemental Security Income, payments for individuals who are low-income and have a disability or are 65 or older
 - Data Source: Social Security Administration

* Individual has a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more that makes it difficult to go outside the home alone (e.g. to shop or visit a doctor's office)

Funding allocations: Step 2

- ▶ Total population in each category added together for each **city**:
 - Population 5-15 with any disability
 - Population 16+ with go-outside-home disability
 - Population 65-79
 - Population 80+ (x 1.5)
 - SSI recipients 18 and older
- ▶ From the population totals by city, totals are calculated for each **planning area**

Funding allocations : Step 3

- ▶ The total amount of funding for each city is determined based on the city's contribution to the planning area total
 - For example, if a city's category population total is 10% of the overall planning area total, then the city will receive 10% of the funds allocated to its planning area

Background on SSI Data

- Number of SSI recipients is the only factor that changes annually
- Social Security Administration published data for number of recipients in each zip code; zip codes grouped to get number of SSI recipients by city
- Fluctuations from year to year in the number of residents receiving SSI benefits are relatively small
- Each year, changes in SSI data reallocate small amounts of funding between programs within the same planning areas

Current situation

- Social Security Administration is no longer making SSI data available at the zip code level due to confidentiality concerns
- ACTIA received special permission to receive this data for the current fiscal year
- The data will no longer be available to us going forward

The Future of the Formula

Staff proposal:

- Hold SSI recipients constant (using most recent data available) through the end of the current Agreements
- With new Agreements in 2012, revisit formula and update with new Census data (from 2010 Census and/or more robust American Community Survey)
 - Consider substitute for SSI data?

What is the impact on allocation of funds?

- Annual changes in SSI data minimally affect funding distribution within planning areas
- Holding the formula constant with most recent SSI data does not have a major impact on programs' funding