

To: Administration & Finance Committee

Date: May 28, 2026

From: Amber Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed by: WC.

SUBJECT: Adoption of Gann Appropriations Spending Limitation for FY 2026-2027

Background:

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII (B) (Proposition 4), public entities are required to conform to budgetary guidelines set forth in the Gann Initiative. The purpose of Article XIII (B) is to constrain fiscal growth in government by limiting the proceeds of taxes that may be appropriated each year. Each year's limit may be adjusted for increase in cost of living (California per capita income) and population. For special districts, if the district is located entirely within one county, the county's population change factor is to be used. That is the case with County Connection. The limit may also be changed in the event of a transfer of fiscal responsibility.

The California Revenue and Taxation Code, section 2227, mandates that the Department of Finance transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. The Department of Finance also transmits the change in the cost of living, or price factor.

Gann Limit Calculation:

The formula for calculating the appropriations spending limit is:

1. Population percentage change x price increase/decrease factor = ratio of change
2. Ratio of change x 2025-26 spending limit = 2026-27 spending limit.

Based on the above formula, the spending limit for County Connection is:

1. Population percentage change x price increase/decrease factor=ratio of change
 $0.9969 \times 1.0495 = 1.0462$
2. Ratio of change x 2025-2026 spending limit = 2026-2027 spending limit:
 $1.0462 \times \$106,034,564 = \$110,938,391$

Based on the above calculations, **the Gann appropriations spending limit for FY 2026-2027 is \$110,938,391** (Attachment 1). The actual County Connection non-federal appropriations budget for FY 2026-2027 is \$60,896,625, which is \$50,041,766 below the spending limitation.

Financial Implications:

There is no direct financial implication as a result of the calculation of the Gann limit, since the limit far exceeds the appropriations budget.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the A&F Committee review and approve the calculation of the Gann appropriations spending limitation of \$110,938,391 for FY 2026-2027.

Action Requested:

By State law, the County Connection Board of Directors must adopt an appropriations limitation. The staff requests the A&F Committee approve and forward the calculation of the Gann appropriations spending limitation of \$110,938,391 for FY 2026-2027 to the Board.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Computation of Gann Appropriations Spending Limit for FY 2027

COMPUTATION OF GANN APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT FOR FY 2027

Contra Costa County change in population*	-0.31	
Converted to a ratio		0.9969 (1)
Percentage change in per capita personal income*	4.95	
Converted to a ratio		1.0495 (2)
Ratio of change:		1.0462 (1)*(2) = (3)
FY 2026 appropriations limit		\$106,034,654 (4)
FY 2027 appropriations limit		\$110,938,391 (3)*(4) = (5)
FY 2027 operating budget	\$59,324,125	
Less expenses paid by federal funds	<u>(\$1,610,000)</u>	
	\$57,714,125	
FY 2027 capital budget	\$ 3,182,500	
Less expenses paid by federal funds	<u>\$0</u>	
	\$3,182,500	
Operating and capital appropriation		<u>\$60,896,625</u>
Under limit		<u><u>\$50,041,766</u></u>

* Source: California Department of Finance