

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara,
State of California**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC)
DEFENDER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT)
AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE)
STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER EXPANDED PUBLIC)
DEFENSE GRANT HOLISTIC DEFENSE PROGRAM)

RESOLUTION NO: 25-240

WHEREAS, the California Office of the State Public Defender administers the Expanded Public Defense Grant Holistic Defense Program to provide state funding to counties to support holistic defense initiatives, including Promotora outreach, interpreter services, dedicated digital integration staff, and data infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Public Defender's Office seeks to strengthen client representation and improve justice system outcomes by implementing Project BRIDGE (Building Resilience, Inclusion, Defense, Growth & Equity), which aligns with the goals of the Expanded Public Defense Grant Holistic Program; and

WHEREAS, Project BRIDGE will expand Promotora outreach to improve community engagement and service linkages, increase interpreter capacity to ensure language access, add a digital-integration staff to modernize data systems and workflows, and build data infrastructure to support performance reporting and outcome measurement; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of the State Public Defender requires a Board Resolution delegating authority to the Public Defender to submit the grant application with the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) for the Expanded Public Defense (Holistic Defense) Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara authorizes the Public Defender, or designee, to submit a grant application to the California Office of the State Public Defender for the Expanded Public Defense Grant Holistic Defense Program for the period of March 3, 2026 through June 1, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$850,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lee, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____

Laura Capps, Chair
Board of Supervisors

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: _____

Tracy M. Macuga, Public Defender

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Shirley A. Guerra
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

Signed by:
By: Julius Albanise
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Deputy