



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name:	Community Services
Department No.:	057
Agenda Date:	December 16, 2025
Placement:	Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:	N/A
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	N/A
Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Jesús Armas, Community Services Department
Joe Dzvonik, Assistant Director, Housing and Community Development Division

SUBJECT: **Approval of Subrecipient Agreements with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Ongoing Operations of the Hope Village and Hedges House of Hope Interim Housing facilities.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment A) with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for the distribution of Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program, Round 3 (HHIP-3) funding in the amount of \$825,000 and Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 5 (HHAP-5) funding in the amount of \$825,000, for a total of \$1,650,000 for Operations and Services of Hope Village interim housing facility in accordance with the five year operational support plan; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment B) with GSS for the distribution of Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 5 (HHAP-5) funding in the amount of \$1,229,400 for Operations and Services of Hedges House of Hope interim housing facility in Isla Vista in accordance with the five-year operational support plan; and
- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to: CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); and finding that the actions consist of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; Government Code Section 8698.4, finding that the County has declared a shelter crisis and the action includes leasing of County-owned land for a homeless shelter and financial assistance; and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on these bases.

Summary Text:

Staff are recommending the approval of two contracts with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) to support the ongoing operations of Hope Village in Santa Maria and Hedges House of Hope in Isla Vista in accordance with the 5-year operational plans designed to support these shelters.

Funds for these contracts will be derived from reserves set aside for this purpose from the California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program (HHAP) and the CenCal Homeless Housing Incentive Program (HHIP) dollars. With this funding, approximately 140 beds will continue to be available to people experiencing homelessness in their respective communities.

Discussion:

Hope Village is a temporary interim supportive housing community specifically for people experiencing homelessness in the Santa Maria Valley and represents an innovative public-private collaboration between Good Samaritan Shelter, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Dignity Health's Marian Regional Medical Center, DignityMoves, community philanthropy, and the County of Santa. These 94 rooms serve up to 104 individuals at any one time and focus on ensuring that unsheltered homelessness will be addressed in the residential, retail, and commercial areas near the Hope Village project.

The Hedges House of Hope program comprises 18 rooms, serving up to 36 individuals at any one time. It provides shelter, case management, housing navigation, public health and behavioral health services, and links clients to substance use disorder treatment services with the objectives of linking individuals to a permanent or safe housing resource.

Staff are recommending the execution of these subrecipient agreements to support the ongoing operations at Hope Village and Hedges House of Hope from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Background:

Hope Village, located at 2131 Southside Parkway in Santa Maria, first opened its doors in 2023. It provides 94 rooms for adult individuals, couples and TAY (transitional age youth ages 18-24). Of the 94 rooms, 10 rooms are dedicated to TAY experiencing homelessness, 30 rooms provide recuperative care, 10 rooms are for encampment resolution near the Santa Maria riverbed, and 44 rooms serve others also experiencing homelessness.

In 2024, CenCal Health committed \$3,000,000 in HHIP-3 funding to support ongoing operations at Hope Village (and La Posada). This subrecipient agreement represents the first use of these funds. HHIP-3 funds will be disbursed to Hope Village in subsequent years following the schedule shown above as Table 1.

Hedges House of Hope, located at 6549 El Colegio Road in Goleta welcomed its first residents in 2021. On November 2, 2021, the Board exercised its option to purchase the El Colegio Property for \$6.3 million in accordance with the terms of the Option Agreement approved by the Board on June 15, 2021. The property is owned by the County, with a license agreement with Good Samaritan. In their HomeKey application, County staff identified potential funding sources to provide a reasonable assurance of matching contributions to cover operations and services for five (5) years.

HHAP-5 was a \$1 billion California state grant program, authorized by AB 129, designed to provide funding to CoCs and jurisdictions to address homelessness. The County and CoC were awarded a combined total of \$5.3 million. Of this amount, \$2.26 million was set aside for ongoing shelter support at Hope Village, Hedges House of Hope (and La Posada). This subrecipient agreement represents the first use of these funds.

Performance Measure:***Interim Housing – Hope Village***

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons at imminent risk of homelessness to be sheltered	200
Total number of beds	104
Total number of bed-nights made available	37,960
	Goal
% of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit	33%
% of adult participants gaining new or increasing existing income at project exit	15%
% of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit	70%
% of participants who move into permanent housing who will remain housed for 1 year	85%

Interim Housing – Hedges House of Hope

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons at imminent risk of homelessness to be sheltered	70
Total number of beds	36
Total number of bed-nights made available	13,140
	Goal
% of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit	30%
% of adult participants gaining new or increasing existing income at project exit	25%
% of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit	65%
% of participants who move into permanent housing who will remain housed for 1 year	85%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Both projects are located on County property. The County assumes responsibility for the administration of funds in accordance with all State requirements governing their use. In addition, the County would be liable as a pass-through entity for repayment to the State government if it, or any provider to which it sub-grants funds, is found not to comply with applicable funding program requirements. In this regard, the County is responsible for using funds for costs that are eligible under the identified funding sources and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the administering State departments.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	2025-2026	Total
General Fund		
State – HHAP-5	2,054,400	
Federal		
CenCal/HHIP-3	825,000	
Total		2,879,400

Staffing Impacts:

The current activity requested falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the Minute Order to Roc Lowry (roclowry@countyofsb.org) and Steven Fung (sfung@countyofsb.org)

Attachments:

Attachment A – Hope Village Shelter Operations Subrecipient Agreement

Attachment B – Hedges House of Hope Shelter Operations Subrecipient Agreement

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