

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC)
DEFENDER TO ACCEPT STATE GRANT FUNDS) RESOLUTION NO: _____
FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE STATE)
STATE DEFENDER FOR EXPANDED PUBLIC DEFENSE)
SERVICES (HOLISTIC DEFENSE)_____)

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Office of the Public Defender provides constitutionally required indigent defense services and seeks to expand holistic, client-centered public defense services; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) administers the Expanded Public Defense Services (Holistic Defense) Grant Program to support language access, interdisciplinary staffing, technology, training, and data capacity in county public defender office; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Office of the Public Defender was awarded Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) under the Expanded Public Defense Services (Holistic Defense) Grant to implement Project BRIDGE (Building Resilience, Inclusion, Defense, Growth & Equity) for the period of February 1, 2026, through June 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant funds requires authorization by the Board of Supervisors to receive and expend the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to expand holistic defense services and shall not be used to supplant existing County funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby authorizes the Public Defender to accept the award of \$850,000 from the California Office of the State Public Defender for the Expanded Public Defense Services (Holistic Defense) Grant to support Project BRIDGE for the period of February 1, 2026, through June 1, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Defender, or designee, is authorized to receive and expend the grant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant award and applicable State and County requirements. That the Public Defender, or designee, is authorized to receive and expend the grant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant award and applicable State and County requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds shall be used solely for the purposes identified in the approved grant award and shall not be used to supplant existing County expenditures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of March, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:


ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER


By: _____
Bob Nelson, Chair
Board of Supervisors

By: 
Tracy M. Macuga, Public Defender


ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
BETSY SCHAFFER, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: 
Deputy