



**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:** July 14, 2026  
**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(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department  
Contact: Joe Dzvonic, Assistant Director, Housing and Community Development  
Lucille Boss, Housing Programs Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of State of California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Authorizing Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Good Samaritan Shelter's Life House II (Project) in Northern Santa Barbara County.

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**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 to execute a Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Authorizing Resolution (Attachment A) enabling the County of Santa Barbara (County) to submit a Program Funding Agreement (Attachment B) to DSH to participate in the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Program;
- b) Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to enter and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (Attachment C) with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for purposes of GSS submitting to DSH a project application for IST Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Program (IST Program) funding; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because pursuant to sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) the recommended actions consist of organizational, administrative, or fiscal activities of government that will not result in indirect or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This Item requests Board approval of 1) a resolution authorizing the County to submit a Program Funding Agreement to DSH to participate in the IST Infrastructure Program, and 2) an MOA with GSS which outlines GSS and the County’s roles in the IST Infrastructure Program. Approval of the Authorizing Resolution will authorize the County to enter into an agreement with DSH in which the County acts as a contractor and GSS acts as a subcontractor to DSH. Approval of the MOA will enable GSS to interface directly with DSH and realize \$562,500 in program funding, which will be used to acquire a property for GSS Life House II project in Northern Santa Barbara County. The Project will provide six (6) transitional housing beds with supportive services.

**Discussion:**

On June 18, 2024, the Board authorized the CEO to submit a proposal (Proposal) for DSH IST Infrastructure Program funding. On August 29, 2024, DSH awarded the County \$562,500 for the Project. Additional details may be found in the CEO’s DSH IST Board Agenda Letter (Attachment D) and DSH Award Letter (Attachment E). Under a separate contract with DSH, Behavioral Wellness will provide wraparound services for the Project.

**Background:**

Under the IST Program, GSS will receive a total of \$562,500 for acquisition of a Project site. Additionally, an allocation of \$228 per day per DSH beneficiary resident for wraparound services (up to \$125,000 for each DSH beneficiary resident) is possible and predicated on an anticipated 18-month length of stay as allowable and included in the Proposal. This \$562,500 in acquisition funding is subject to GSS first acquiring a Project property.

Before GSS moves forward with Project property acquisition, DSH requires the County to execute both an Authorizing Resolution between DSH and the County and an MOA between GSS and the County. Once approved, these documents will allow GSS to work directly with DSH in preparing a Project Application, although the County will provide technical assistant to GSS in developing the Project Application. Once the Project Application is approved, DSH funding will be provided directly to GSS on a disbursement basis. DSH funds will be disbursed by DSH through an open escrow process once the Project application and acquisition is approved, which must occur before the June 30, 2028, program deadline. GSS anticipates acquiring a property in Fifth Supervisorial District in the summer/fall 2026.

**Performance Measure:**

The Project will provide six transitional housing beds for eligible DSH IST beneficiaries. The DSH IST funds are subject to a minimum 20-year use agreement, after which the loan may be forgiven by the State

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts. Program funds will be disbursed directly to GSS without County pass-through subject to GSS’ acquisition of a property for Project implementation.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 26-27	Total
State (DSH (IST))	\$562,500	\$562,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$562,500</b>	<b>\$562,500</b>

**Staffing Impacts:**

Existing CSD staff will monitor the Project for client eligibility as well as property standards throughout the 20-year period of the Regulatory Agreement. Behavioral Wellness will monitor and report to the State for provision of Project Supportive Services pursuant to a future agreement between the County and the State articulating such service requirements and associated financial resources for providing these client services.

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please return the following to Carlos Jimenez, via email at [cjimenez@countyofsb.org](mailto:cjimenez@countyofsb.org):

1. Executed DHS IST Authorizing Resolution (Att. A)
2. Executed MOA (Att. C)
3. Minute Order

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Board Authorizing Resolution (Signature Required)

**Attachment B** – Program Funding Agreement

**Attachment C** – Memorandum of Agreement with Good Samaritan (Signature Required)

**Attachment D** – 2024 Board Letter DSH-IST Infrastructure Proposal

**Attachment E** – 2024 DSH-IST Award Letter

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