



**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: November 18, 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(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
Contact: Joe Dzvonik, Assistant Director, Housing and Community Development
SUBJECT: Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the reservation of one bed at Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

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 with Good Samaritan Shelter ("GSS") for the distribution of previously allocated General Fund money, in the total maximum amount not to exceed \$50,776, for one reserved bed at the Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village, with a contract term from December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to: CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); finding that the actions consist of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; and Government Code Section 8698.4, finding that the action includes financial assistance for a homeless shelter.

Summary Text:

Staff are recommending the approval of a subrecipient agreement (Attachment A) to fund one reserved bed at the Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village in an amount not to exceed \$50,776 (577 bed-nights at \$88 per bed-night) for the contract term of December 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027. The reserved bed will be dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness in the vicinity of the County Administration Building.

Discussion:

For several years, the perimeter of the County Administration Building has facilitated a safe sleeping location for local individuals experiencing homelessness. Outreach teams have engaged consistently with people in this area and developed trusting relationships, creating opportunities to connect them to services and potential housing pathways. However, the lack of nearby non-congregate shelter beds has limited those outreach teams' ability to provide immediate housing options that meet the needs and preferences of this population.

By reserving one dedicated bed at Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village, the County will offer a direct pathway for these individuals to move from unsheltered homelessness into a safe, dignified, and service-rich interim housing environment. This strategy builds on existing outreach relationships and provides an important tool to transition individuals from a public setting at the County Administration Building to a more stable and supportive environment.

Having this one proposed bed reserved is particularly significant because many people living in the vicinity of the Administration Building have expressed reluctance to enter congregate shelter settings due to safety, privacy, or health concerns and distance from the local area. The Dignity Moves cabin model offers an alternative that addresses these barriers by providing private units with locking doors, furnishings, heating, and cooling. Once inside, participants will have access to case management, behavioral health services, housing navigation, and benefits enrollment, which have proven effective in helping residents transition to permanent housing.

This targeted intervention demonstrates a responsive, person-centered approach to addressing unsheltered homelessness at a highly visible County site. It leverages existing partnerships with Good Samaritan Shelter and the established infrastructure of the Santa Barbara Street Village, ensuring that resources are deployed efficiently while also enhancing the County's capacity to meet the needs of individuals living near its own facilities.

Background:

\$143,159 in General Fund monies had been previously allocated to PATH interim housing shelter for shelter operations support for 12 months. PATH will discontinue shelter services in Santa Barbara County on December 31, 2025, leaving approximately \$71,000 in unobligated General Fund shelter support monies available.

The Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village is a temporary interim supportive housing community located in downtown Santa Barbara. GSS is the operator and service provider. The Village includes 35–40 modular cabins for individuals experiencing homelessness. Each cabin has a bed, furnishings, heating and air conditioning, and a locking door.

GSS provides comprehensive onsite services including case management, behavioral health support, housing navigation, and linkage to benefits and income. In its first year of operations, over 40% of residents at the Santa Barbara Street Village transitioned to permanent housing.

The County's participation through the funding of one reserved bed ensures that individuals residing near the County Administration Building have a direct pathway to interim housing and services.

Performance Measure:

The reserved bed will be continuously available for eligible individuals referred by County staff. Performance will be tracked in alignment with existing measures for interim housing projects:

Goals***Interim Housing***

	Goal
Total number of beds	1
Total number of bed-nights made available	577

Performance Measures***Interim Housing***

	Goal
% of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit	40%
% 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 linked to a Cal-AIM Community Supports or Enhanced Care Management program	50%

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no facilities impact associated with this action, as the reserved bed will be located within the existing Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village. The fiscal impact will be limited to the cost of the subrecipient agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, in the total amount of \$50,776 over the contract term of December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Fiscal Analysis:

The cost for the reserved bed is \$88 per bed-night. For the 19-month contract period (December 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027), the total cost is \$50,776 (577 bed-nights at \$88 per night). Previously allocated shelter support General Funds will be used to cover the full cost of the subrecipient agreement.

Funding Source	FY [<i>fiscal year 1</i>]	FY [<i>fiscal year 2</i>]	FY [<i>fiscal year 3</i>]	Total
General Fund	\$50,776			\$50,776
State				
Federal				
Fees				
[<i>Other Source</i>]				
Total				\$50,776

Staffing Impacts:

The current activity requested falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A – Subrecipient Agreement for Dignity Moves Santa Barbara Street Village

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