



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors  
Department No.: 011  
For Agenda Of: March 10, 2026  
Administrative

Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Bob Nelson, Fourth District Office  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Aaron Hanke, Chief of Staff (805) 346-8422  
**SUBJECT:** Loan of Fourth District 990 Funds to Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, Inc. (OASIS)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize execution by the Board Chair of a no-interest loan agreement (Attachment B) in the amount of \$100,000 from the Fourth District 990 Fund with Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, Inc. (OASIS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN: 77-0058257), to support continued advancement of the OASIS Senior and Community Center project;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010997 to establish appropriations of \$100,000 in the General County Programs General Fund for Services and Supplies funded by release of Committed Emerging Issues fund balance;
- c) Find that the project provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County, including public health, safety, and recreational access; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary:**

Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, Inc. (OASIS) is a volunteer-driven, membership-based nonprofit organization that has served older adults on the Central Coast since 1984. Founded by local seniors who wanted to both serve and socialize with one another, OASIS has grown into a trusted community hub that

provides social, educational, wellness, and enrichment opportunities that promote healthy aging and community connection.

Each year, OASIS serves thousands of local seniors and families, helping older adults remain active, engaged, and supported while combating social isolation and fostering lifelong growth. The organization is widely regarded as a “home away from home” for the senior community in the Orcutt area and surrounding region.

The Fourth District is seeking authorization for a \$100,000 no-interest temporary bridge loan to OASIS to support continued community benefits to meet the social needs of the County. This interim loan will help maintain momentum of services while the County works through provisions in the purchase and sale agreement of OASIS-owned properties connected to the project.

**Background:**

OASIS was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1984 by local seniors seeking meaningful ways to remain active, engaged, and connected to their community. Throughout that time, OASIS has evolved into a cornerstone organization for older adults in Northern Santa Barbara County and surrounding areas, offering a broad range of programs focused on social connection, wellness, education, volunteerism, and personal growth.

The OASIS Senior Center functions as a vibrant community gathering place, providing opportunities for seniors to participate in classes, group activities, health-focused programming, and peer support. Through these services, OASIS plays a critical role in addressing social isolation, supporting independence, and enhancing overall quality of life for the region’s growing senior population.

In addition to its ongoing programming, OASIS is actively advancing plans for a new and expanded senior and community center facility to better serve members, residents and visitors and meet increasing demand. The County of Santa Barbara has been working with OASIS on matters related to properties associated with the future facility and entered into a purchase and sale agreement on September 16, 2025. While those conditions of sale continue to be evaluated, OASIS has near-term project and operational needs that require interim financial support to ensure continuity and progress to continue providing community benefits to meet the social needs of the community.

**Impacts:**

Upon Board approval, \$100,000 will be allocated as a no-interest loan in the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Fourth District operating budget using Fourth District 990 funds, to Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, Inc. (OASIS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN: 77-0058257).

The loan is intended to function as a temporary bridge financing mechanism, allowing OASIS to continue advancing its senior and community center project while the County completes work related to the purchase and sale agreement for OASIS properties.

This funding will help sustain critical services and programming that benefit seniors throughout the region, including social engagement opportunities, wellness and enrichment activities, and volunteer-driven community support. By maintaining project momentum and operational stability, the loan supports the County’s broader goals related to healthy aging, community well-being, and the efficient delivery of social services.

The loan will be repaid in full, without interest, upon the closing of the County’s purchase of the subject properties.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No; recommend approval of Budget Revision Request No. 0010997

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund	\$100,000	<b>\$100,000</b>
State		
Federal		
Fees		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide one executed electronic copy of the agreement to Brittany Odermann, Deputy CEO, [bodermann@countyofsb.org](mailto:bodermann@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Funding Application
- Attachment B: Loan Agreement
- Attachment C: Budget Revision No. 0010997

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