



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: Probation
Department/Community
Services Department
Department No.: 022/057
Agenda Date: June 24, 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): Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer

Jesús Armas, Community Services Director

Contact: Joe Dzvonik, Assistant Director, Housing & Community Development

Jett Black-Maertz, Homelessness Assistance Programs Manager

SUBJECT: Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Transitional Supportive Housing

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 to execute a Subrecipient Agreement (Agreement) funded through State Public Safety Realignment funding with Good Samaritan Shelter to provide transitional supportive housing for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000 from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff is requesting that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment A) with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for \$400,000 funded by State Public Safety Realignment Act funding from the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). GSS is

recommended to receive funding for 20 beds of transitional supportive housing in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. GSS provided supportive housing at these locations for justice-involved individuals under the supervision of the Probation Department since May 1, 2019. The Agreement has a one-year term of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Discussion:

The target population for the supportive housing project includes post-adjudicated, justice-involved individuals under community supervision by the Probation Department that are medium- to high-risk to recidivate and are exiting jail or prison without natural supports and are ineligible for other types of subsidized housing. Additionally, these individuals may present with some vulnerability such as mental health concerns but do not qualify for housing options through the Department of Behavioral Wellness; this includes those with significant substance abuse challenges. This population will likely be unserved by other housing resources because of ineligibility due to length of incarceration and conviction history.

The Agreement identifies the terms and conditions by which the Public Safety Realignment Plan funds must be administered. The Agreement (Attachment A) includes attachments that detail the Scope of Services and Budget and Payment Procedures

Background:

On May 16, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Public Safety Realignment budget with an allocation of \$400,000 for transitional housing with supportive services for justice-involved individuals. On April 19, 2022, a Notice of Funding Availability was released by the Community Services Department (CSD). Two applications were received: one from GSS and one from the Salvation Army. GSS was selected for funding during the 2022 review process based on past performance and the availability of beds in a house-like setting as compared to a dormitory model.

Performance Measure:

GSS will provide quarterly reports to the County on services provided and performance measures. In order to provide continuity across transitional housing with supportive services, GSS will use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection. This will also provide valuable insight into homelessness history of project participants. Table 1 summarizes the number of persons served and summarizes performance measures for the project.

Table 1: Performance Measures

Measure	Good Samaritan Shelter Target
Number of beds	20
Number to serve	55
Percentage of unduplicated participants who remain enrolled for 60 days will achieve employment	50%
Number of Independent Service Plans (goals) to be developed	200
Percentage of Independent Service Plan (goals) to successfully complete	60%
Percentage of participants exiting to permanent housing	25%

Contract Renewals:

GSS met or exceeded its six established performance measures for the period of July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. These performance measures included: the number of referred justice involved persons served, the percentage of Independent Service Plans (goals) successfully completed, and the percentage of participants exiting to permanent housing.

Provider performance standards remain consistent for the coming fiscal year as Probation concentrates on increasing appropriate referrals and clients' overall improvement and successful reentry into the community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund		
State	\$400,000	\$400,000
Federal		
Fees		
[Other Source]		
Total	\$400,000	\$400,000

The FY 2025-26 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan, approved by the CCP on April 3, 2025, includes \$400,000 in ongoing funding for transitional housing with supportive services. The agreement with GSS includes four contracted staff to provide case management, transportation and housing assistance, and operational costs of the housing facilities. The appropriations and associated revenue are included in the Probation Department's FY 2025-26 recommended budget. The contract with GSS is for one year in duration.

Staffing Impacts:**Position Request Summary**

Legal Position Title	Number of FTE
N/A	N/A

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Jett Black-Maertz at jblack@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Public Safety Realignment Sub-Recipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Supportive Housing Program

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