

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND  
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (CHFFA) FOR THE INVESTMENT IN  
MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

In 2016, Senate Bill 833 (Section 20) expanded the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth, 21 years of age and under and allocated funding to develop four mental health programs - crisis residential treatment, crisis stabilization, mobile crisis support teams and family respite care. Pursuant to Section 7318, subdivisions (d)-(e) of the Grant Program regulations, Counties were able to apply for the second funding without regard to maximum Grant amounts per county, subject to availability of funds.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) submitted a grant application to CHFFA to develop 12 Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) beds for children and youth by renovating areas on the site of the current Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Mental Health Urgent Care Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child and Family Wellbeing Center. Each site will have six beds. The CSUs will provide mental health care services to children and youth ages three to 12 who are experiencing a mental health crisis or distress. The two CSU programs will offer 24/7 mental health assessment and crisis stabilization, therapeutic and mental health services, case management, family/caregiver support and education, and referrals to community-based services for ongoing needs. The CSU programs will be housed within the County’s current Restorative Care Villages sites, which will offer the County’s residents a full continuum of physical and behavioral health care in one location. DMH expects that the two new CSU programs will serve an additional 4,380 children and youth annually.

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On April 29, 2021, the CHFFA Members will award DMH with a grant in the amount of \$2,953,847.15 to finance construction, renovation, furnishings, and equipment costs of the two CSU sites at their monthly meeting.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors, authorize the Director of Mental Health to:

1. Accept the grant in the amount of \$2,953,847.15 and manage implementation of the programs;
2. Sign and execute the CHFFA Grant Award Agreement and all other necessary documents to accept the award, which will be effective upon execution; and
3. Execute any future amendments to the Grant Award Agreement and all other related documents; subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

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