

Los Angeles County’s Acceptance of Grant from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the Fifth Round of Funding from the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), established the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (CY Grant Program) intended to improve access to mental health crisis services in California for children and youth, ages 21 and under. SB 833 provides a mechanism for funding a statewide expansion of mobile crisis support teams (MCSTs), Children’s Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential Program beds, and Family Respite Care via grants available to counties. The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) was assigned the responsibility for developing the program as well as awarding and administering the grants.

The CY Grant Program was allocated a total of \$39,033,144 in capital funding and \$4 million to MCST annual personnel funding. In April 2021, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) was awarded \$2,953,847.15 to finance construction, renovation, furnishings, and equipment costs for crisis stabilization units (CSUs) on the Martin Luther King (MLK) and Olive View Restorative Care Villages, each comprising of six beds for children and youth ages three to twelve. For the fifth and final round of funding, \$10,800,000 in capital funding was available. DMH submitted a grant application to CHFFA to construct a nine-bed children and youth CSU on the High Desert Restorative Care Village, as well as expand the MLK and Olive View CSU capacity from six to nine beds and was awarded \$3,970,442.53.

The CSUs will provide mental health care services to children and youth who are experiencing a mental health crisis or distress and 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 CSUs will be located within three of the County’s current Restorative Care Villages sites. DMH expects that the three CSU programs will serve 9,855 children and youth annually.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

June 4, 2024

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), or designee, to accept the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) grant award in the amount of \$3,970,442.53; and to negotiate, sign, and execute a CHFFA grant agreement and all other necessary documents to implement the crisis stabilization units (CSU) programs. The term of the CHFFA grant agreement will be effective upon execution through June 30, 2026;
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DMH, or designee, to amend the CHFFA grant agreement as needed, including extending the term; modifying the grant amount, and/or rolling over unspent funds; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions or other terms and conditions; subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel, and notification to the Board of Supervisors (Board) and the Chief Executive Office (CEO); and
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DMH, or designee, to terminate the CHFFA grant agreement. The Director of DMH or designee, will provide written notification to the Board and CEO of such termination action.

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