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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF
MENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES
TO ACCEPT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING AND TO
EXECUTE RELATED GRANT AND SERVICE CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Los Angeles County Departments of Mental Health and Justice Care and Opportunities are seeking authority to accept California Department of Healthcare Services Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond of 2024: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 2: Unmet Needs grant funding from the California Department of Health Care Services, the delegated authority to execute agreements with the State or the State's third-party administrator, and to execute new or amend existing contracts in order to effectively utilize the funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that delegation of authority to accept Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2 grant funding, allocation of funding and related recommended actions, for the previously approved Los Angeles County Care Community at Metropolitan (Metro) State Hospital project is within the scope of the Board's previous finding of exemption for that project and that approval of grant funding for the previously approved Harbor UCLA Medical Center -

Restorative Care Village Mental Health Campus Continuum Project is within the scope of the County's previously certified Environmental Impact Report and Addendum Number 3 for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the approved projects.

2. Find that delegation of authority to accept BHCIP Round 2 grant funding, allocation of funding and related recommended actions for the Warm Landing Place Permanent Site project are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health (Director), Chief Deputy Director of Mental Health (Chief Deputy), or either of their designees, to accept BHCIP grant funds up to an estimated aggregate not to exceed \$370 million for the following two projects: Metro: Phase 2, estimated amount \$120 million, and Harbor UCLA, estimated amount \$250 million, awarded to the County by Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), or their third-party administrator, for BHCIP Round 2 funding.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), or designee, to accept BHCIP Round 2 grant funds up to an estimated amount not to exceed \$12 million for the following project: Warm Landing Place Permanent Site project, awarded to the County by DHCS, or their third-party administrator, for BHCIP Round 2 funding.
5. Delegate authority to the Directors of Department of Mental Health (DMH) and JCOD, Chief Deputy, or any of their designees, to negotiate and execute a Contract with DHCS, or their third-party administrator, for Round 2 of BHCIP funding. The contract may include terms that deviate from the County's standard contractual terms (including, but not limited to, terms involving indemnification) in order to comply with the State's required terms and conditions; subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management, as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO.
6. Delegate authority to the Directors of DMH and JCOD, Chief Deputy, or any of their designees, to negotiate and execute new, and/or amend existing contracts, as necessary, to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in needed infrastructure to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment resources to build new capacity or expand existing capacity. The contracts may include terms that deviate from the County's standard contractual terms (including, but not limited to, terms involving indemnification) in order to comply with the State's required terms and conditions; subject to review and approval by County

Counsel, and CEO Risk Management, as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

7. Delegate authority to the Directors of DMH and JCOD, Chief Deputy, or any of their designees to amend the contracts described in Recommendations 5 and 6. Such amendments may include, but are not limited to, extending the term; adding, deleting, modifying, or replacing the Statement of Work; modifying the amount of funding dedicated to specific projects or the total grant amount, rolling over unspent funds, and any modifications required by DHCS or their third-party administrator. This authority includes the ability to terminate the Contract or funded programs within existing contracts in compliance with the contract termination provisions. Any amendments or terminations are subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel with notification to the Board and CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommendations included in this Board letter will find that the acceptance of grant funds for the previously approved Los Angeles County Care Community at Metro State Hospital project and the Harbor UCLA Medical Center -Restorative Care Village Mental Health Campus Continuum, proposed to be funded by the BHCIP Round 2 funding are within the scope of the Board's previous finding of exemption and adopted Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Addendum Number 3, respectively, allow the DMH to accept BHCIP awarded grant funds, find that delegation of authority to accept BHCIP Round 2 grant funding, allocation of funding and related recommended actions for the Warm Landing Place Permanent Site project is exempt from CEQA, allow the Director of JCOD to accept BHCIP funds, execute authority to negotiate and execute Contracts with the State or the state's third-party administrator; amend these contracts; negotiate and execute new, and/or amend existing contracts, and to terminate the Contracts or funded program in existing Contracts.

The Phase 2 Los Angeles County Care Community on the Metropolitan State Hospital Campus is optimizing and redesigning a historical community resource to serve as a critical behavioral health hub. This Care Community campus at Metro State Hospital completes a true continuum of care campus model that facilitates client flow and improves client outcomes and access across multiple levels of care for some of the most complex and/or highest acuity DMH clients.

The Harbor-UCLA Restorative Care Village (RCV) project supports the build out of Harbor UCLA as a mental health campus continuum that aligns with the RCV master plan. As

one of the largest medical campuses in the County, it is primed to incorporate multiple mental health levels of care.

The Warm Landing Place (WLP) Permanent Site project will establish a three-story, peer respite, community-based center located near Men's Central Jail and Union Station to serve individuals released from jail, justice-involved individuals, and other vulnerable populations (e.g., walk-ins, homeless, etc.). Developed by Los Angeles County's JCOD in partnership with multiple County agencies, WLP provides immediate, voluntary, and least-restrictive support in a safe, trauma-informed environment. By meeting basic needs and offering behavioral health and supportive services at the point of transition, the project helps stabilize individuals and lower the likelihood of re-incarceration or homelessness. WLP advances equity by prioritizing historically underserved populations and offers a replicable model for integrated behavioral health and supportive services within the county's continuum of care. The Board approved the 955 N. Vignes Warm Landing Place Acquisition project on May 21, 2024.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

NORTH STAR 1: Make investments that transform lives; Goal A; Strategy iii - Behavioral, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder; NORTH STAR 2: Foster vibrant and resilient communities; Goal B; Strategy iii; a. Build Capacity; NORTH STAR 3: Realize tomorrow's government today; Goal F; Strategy ii - Modernize Infrastructure and Goal G; Strategy ii - Manage and Maximize County Assets

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DMH and JCOD anticipate no increase in net County cost because of the recommended actions. Grants awarded to each Department may fully or partially contribute to the cost of various projects and programs and will be included in each Department's Operating Budget or Capital Project Budget through the annual budget process or budget adjustment, as appropriate.

Operational funding for future fiscal years will be included in the Departments' annual budget request process and funded with existing resources from the impacted Departments for a zero net County cost impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Passed in March 2024, Proposition 1 is a two-bill package including the Behavioral Health Services Act (Senate Bill 326) and the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 (BHIBA) (Assembly Bill 531). The BHIBA portion is a statewide \$6.38 billion general obligation bond to develop an array of behavioral health treatment options, residential care settings, and supportive housing to help provide appropriate care facilities for individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders.

In July 2024, DHCS announced the next BHCIP round would be: Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024: BHCIP.

The Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs Request for Applications was released in May 2025 and is the last and final DHCS BHCIP round dedicated to constructing, acquiring, and rehabilitating real estate assets to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and service resources for Californians. Round 2 aims to address the remaining gaps in the statewide behavioral health continuum and prioritize mental health community residential beds and crisis settings as well as prioritizing regional and campus continuum models aimed at constructing, renovating, and/or expanding community-based services. BHCIP represents the largest such provision of resources for infrastructure in the State's history, and provides an unprecedented opportunity to effect meaningful, sustainable change in the behavioral health and long-term care continuums in California and the County.

DMH is focused on adding treatment bed capacity across all acute, subacute, and residential levels of care with the highest priorities in our subacute and residential networks of care. DMH continues to see an increasing number of complex/higher acuity clients, younger clients, medically fragile older adult clients and forensically involved individuals. The LA County Care Community at Metro State Hospital: Phase 2 project, if awarded, will add 32 new acute psychiatric health facility (PHF) beds and 16 subacute mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) beds in two of the LA County Care Community campus buildings. It will complement the 32 MHRC beds for Transition-Aged Youth already funded by Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready, 70 interim housing beds funded by Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, and 50 permanent supportive housing beds funded by No Place Like Home for that site.

The Harbor UCLA RCV Mental Health Campus Continuum project, if awarded, will include 16 PHF beds and 16 subacute MHRC beds alongside a Mental Health Urgent Care Center. These acute and subacute levels of care address a documented regional need serving complex, high-acuity clients.

The proposed LA County Bond BHCIP Round 2 projects will complement the other mental health continuum projects funded by BHCIP including LA County Olive View, LA General Medical Center, as well as the LA County Care Community at Metro State Hospital all of which supports the equitable access of high acuity mental health levels of care across the county.

The WLP project aims to address the needs of those that are released with no connection to housing or treatment due to unplanned releases or other factors. Los Angeles County strives to ensure that adequate services are available for justice-involved individuals reentering the community, many of whom struggle with behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, and housing instability. Each day, hundreds of people exit the jail system and rely on the County to provide stable housing and/or access to coordinated care. WLP aims to help address this need by developing a Peer Respite model of care that includes 14 short-term emergency and transitional housing beds, and an additional two floors for behavioral health and supportive services, including mental health and substance use assessments, case management, peer-led support, and linkages to housing, employment, and Medi-Cal resources. WLP leverages significant co-investments, including opioid settlement funds and Care First Community Investment dollars, ensuring long-term sustainability. The facility's design reflects extensive community and stakeholder engagement, particularly from justice-involved individuals, making it a model that is both responsive and scalable. WLP will fill a vital service gap and demonstrate how to create welcoming, traumatic, trauma-informed, and equity-focused centers that meet urgent behavioral health priorities while strengthening community stability.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On October 22, 2024 and July 29, 2025, the Board approved the Los Angeles County Care Community at Metro State Hospital project and determined that it was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, and recommended actions, are within the scope of the Board's previous finding of exemption for the project. There have been no changes that require further findings under CEQA.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved the Harbor UCLA Medical Center-Restorative Care Village Mental Health Campus Continuum project and found that it was within the scope of the County's EIR which was certified by the Board on December 20, 2016, and Addendum Number 3, certified by the Board on February 8, 2022, which was prepared for the RCCV. The proposed acceptance of funding with BHCIP Round 2 funding is within the scope of the project impacts included in the previously certified EIR and Addendum Number 3. There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the

project is undertaken that require further review under CEQA pursuant to Sections 15162-15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Previous findings and mitigation related to the EIR continue to be applicable.

The previously certified EIR, Addendum Number 3 as well as related findings and mitigation monitoring and Reporting Program, are available and can be viewed at: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/projects/harbor-ucla-medical-center-replacement-program/>. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is 900 S. Fremont Avenue, 5th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is the Project Management Division at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved the 955 N. Vignes Warm Landing Place Acquisition project, which included the purchase of property and operation of the site as Warm Landing Place interim housing facility with 10 – 15 interim beds as well as 3-4 staff members. The proposed project will include removal of the existing structure and construction of a new three-story facility in its place that will serve as the permanent site for the Warm Landing Place program. The Board found the acquisition project to be statutorily exempt as an emergency project pursuant to PRC Section 21080 (b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), since the action is needed to prevent or mitigate an emergency. Approval of the acceptance of BHCIP funding as described for implementation of the Warm Landing Place Permanent Site project is also statutorily exempt from CEQA project pursuant to PRC Section 21080 (b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), since the action is needed to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, DMH will file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk and with the State Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation for the Harbor UCLA Medical Center-Restorative Care Village Mental Health Campus Continuum project pursuant to PRC Section 21152 and will post the Notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Securing these funding investments allows the County to address remaining gaps in the statewide behavioral health continuum and prioritize mental health community residential beds and crisis settings as well as prioritizing regional models aimed at constructing, renovating, and/or expanding community-based services.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amy, B.D.", written in a cursive, stylized script.

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
 Chief Executive Office
 County Counsel