



IST Infrastructure Project Bulletin **The Blueprint**

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Welcome to The Blueprint — a bimonthly bulletin from the IST Infrastructure Project team designed to keep you connected to the resources you need and updated on all things project-related. In this issue: a heartwarming read about the Pilot IST Diversion Program, guidance from National Alliance on Mental Illness on talking about mental illness, and an overview of the infrastructure options for the IST Infrastructure Project. You can also find quick links to contact us, find answers to your questions, sign up for Office Hours and more!

Did You Know???

> Funding Options



What are the Infrastructure Options?

IST Infrastructure Project funds can be used for the purchase or down payment on a property, rehabilitation, new construction, and/or furniture and minor equipment needed for occupancy and service delivery.

How We Talk About It

“Community-based competency restoration is a promising practice that allows some defendants, who may not require hospital-level care, to



receive competency restoration services while living in the community, instead of an institutional setting like a jail or hospital.”

– National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI)

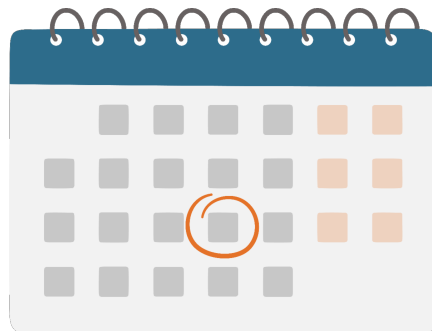


- People with mental illness deserve help, not handcuffs.
- Unfortunately, people with mental health conditions are overrepresented in our nation’s jails and prisons — often as a result of low-level misdemeanors that may stem from symptoms of their condition.

Find the rest of the list, and more on NAMI’s position on community-based competency restoration [here](#).

**Read
More**

Event Calendar



Office Hours

September 10, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. PDT

**Register for
Event**

Round One Deadline

October 31, 2024

Submit RFP

Hope to see you there!

You Work Hard to Support Your County We'll Work Hard to Support You



The IST Team offers a range of resources, tools, and opportunities necessary to get infrastructure projects off the ground.

Resources

- [Register For a PAC](#)
- [Book an Appointment with Your County's Grantee Liaison](#)

Start with the **IST Support Desk** where help is available in several ways. If a question is straightforward, it may be answered by email. If the subject is more complex, scheduling a Pre-application Consultation (PAC) or Technical Assistance (TA) call can be helpful. Here's the difference:

- **A Pre-application Consultation (PAC)** provides assistance before an application is formally submitted. This option allows individuals to talk with a professional who can guide them through the application process and answer any questions about the grant program.
- **A Technical Assistance (TA)** call may be in order for more in-depth support from our team of experts in addressing a specific case or complex situation.

The IST team is committed to providing the highest level of customer service and to addressing every question or request promptly.

Contact the Support
Desk

Back on Track

A working mother of two faced with the sudden loss of her husband, a young man living with schizophrenia, and a teenaged girl struggling with generational substance use disorder (SUD) and no support. Three quite different situations, struggles and symptoms, but a common thread. Each says the Pilot IST Diversion Program through DSH is helping them make notable improvements in their lives.



We were grateful for the opportunity to hear their stories recently at IST Infrastructure Project

Office Hours. The diverse experiences they shared underscored how effective a community-based program can be in providing essential support and a clear path to recovery to individuals facing significant challenges.

A safe, home-like environment that supports recovery combined with group therapy and medication management has proven to be a critical factor in helping participants stabilize, heal, and grow. The approach not only facilitates immediate relief, but also fosters long-term change — factors that also make the IST Infrastructure Project a vital initiative. In one participant's words, "The support helped me get right back on track."

Team Spotlight

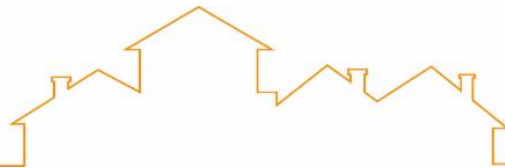


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Channing and the rest of the AHP IST Team are here to support you!

**Book a Meeting
Today!**





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