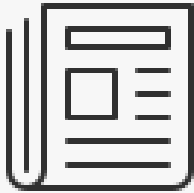




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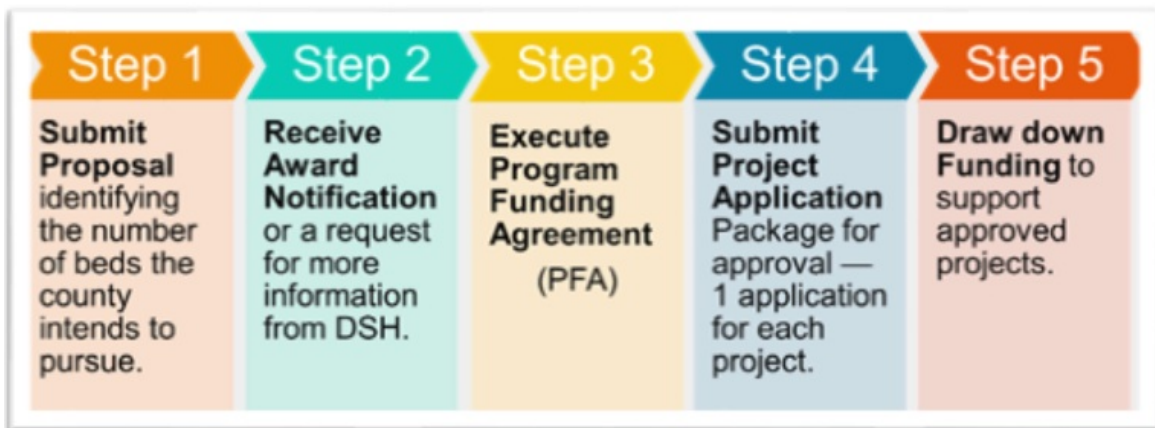
Hello from the IST Infrastructure Project team, and thanks for reading The Blueprint — a bulletin designed to keep you connected to the resources you need and updated on all things project-related. In this issue: straight talk about the Pilot IST Diversion Program from four counties, a late-breaking Round 1 update, and more!

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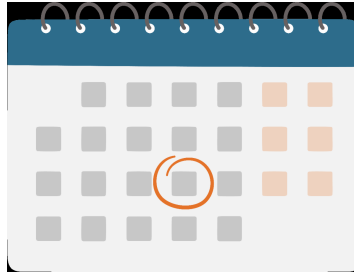
> Infrastructure Grant Program

More Time to “Step to It”!

Round 1 deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**



Event Calendar



Office Hours

November 19, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. PT

[Register for Event](#)

Round One Deadline

December 31, 2024

[Submit RFP](#)

Hope to see you there!

What Makes an IST Diversion Program Work?

This month we spoke with four counties that ran successful IST Pilot Diversion programs — Marin, Sacramento, Tuolumne, and Yolo. We asked for the secret to success, and the answers reflect the uniqueness of each county, and some underlying similarities.

Each county’s program was different, run by different agencies, begun with varying levels of experience, and focused on different champions, but they all pointed to the importance of two things during the planning stages of the programs — collaboration and education.

Collaboration between the courts and behavioral health department was the most commonly mentioned factor in developing a successful program. Yolo County stated that a key factor in getting their program off the ground was a “great relationship with the PD (police department), DA (district attorney), probation department, and courts.” Tuolumne noted, “Involving our legal partners was key



to making a successful start to the program because they were invested in the outcome and participated in its implementation.” Sacramento County added, “The ‘magic’ was sitting in the room together,” and focused on the need for open, honest, discussion with partners.

Education was the second commonality across the counties. All mentioned either how education and training assisted with their pilot program or noted that they would like to have done more training before beginning implementation. Training participants varied — justice partners, new program staff, judges, and behavioral health staff — but the idea was the same: everyone needs to be educated and informed, and a good place to start is with the educational trainings on the [Department of State Hospitals website](#).

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.

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Meet Michael Short

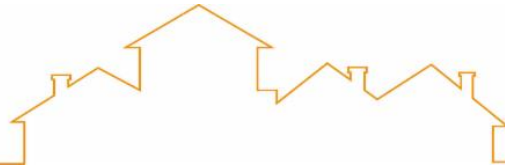
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