



IST Infrastructure Project Bulletin **The Blueprint**

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Midwinter greetings from the IST Infrastructure Project team. For those impacted by the recent wildfires, please know we are thinking of you and whatever challenges may lie ahead. This issue includes well-deserved recognition and an introduction to our newest IST Infrastructure Project grantee liaison. Thanks for reading the *Blueprint*!

Did You Know???

> Infrastructure Grant Program

Ready, Set, Go!

Representatives from 12 counties came together recently to share next steps and considerations for awarded or soon-to-be awarded IST Infrastructure projects.

AHP hosted the January 28th Contracting Counties Forum as a space to discuss plans and progress, as well as challenges unique to counties, and collectively brainstorm opportunities and innovative solutions. Participants shared best practices and strategies around factors critical to implementation, such as garnering community support.

Attendees included Stanislaus, Butte, San Joaquin, Fresno, Humboldt, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Orange, Ventura, San Diego, and Los Angeles Counties.

Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) will hold the meeting monthly to support applicants' journey from project implementation to realization and champion them along the



A Lifetime of Service



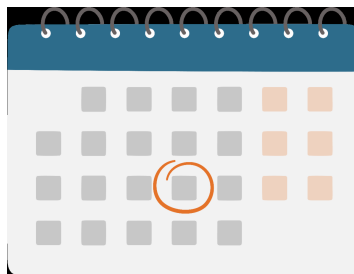
L-R: Ontario, CA Mayor Paul S. Luis, Pastor Troy Vaughn, and Alisha Magnus-Louis of the *Los Angeles Tribune* – credit: the *Los Angeles Tribune*

The IST Infrastructure Project Team is extending a big CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Troy Vaughn for earning the **President's Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award**. Vaughn is the president and chief executive officer of the **Los Angeles Mission** and founder of LA's **Christ-Centered Ministries**.

We hosted Pastor Vaughn at our **May 28th Office Hours** session to share his experiences serving the IST population and creating community-based restoration facilities across LA County. When asked about his work, he said it is “to interrupt the cycle of homelessness and poverty, and provide housing, employment, supported services, and affordable, holistic medical care in a safe and welcoming environment.” We took a deeper dive into the conversation in the **June 2024 issue of the Blueprint**.



Event Calendar



Office Hours 2025

February 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13
12:00 p.m. PT

Register for
Event

Contracting Counties Forum

February 25
12:00 p.m. PT

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 **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 **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

Meet Roxanne Brooks



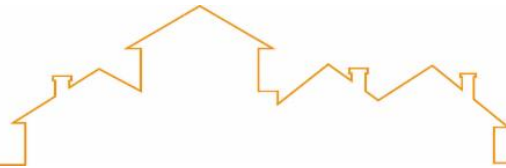
Senior Program Associate, Housing and Mental Health

Roxanne supports Calaveras, Imperial, Lake, Madera, Marin, Merced, Napa, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, and Yolo Counties.

As a senior program associate with AHP, she offers a wealth of experience in child welfare, social work, and behavioral health and has provided California organizations with coaching and TA for over a decade.

Roxanne and the rest of the IST Infrastructure Project team are here to support you.

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Today!**



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