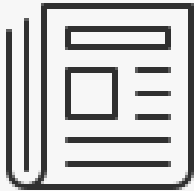




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Happy Spring and welcome to the 6th edition of *The Blueprint* — a quarterly bulletin to keep you connected to resources and updated on all things IST Infrastructure Project-related. In this issue: real estate tips from our experts, gathering data to ensure future funding, and events and funding opportunities ahead. Thanks for reading.

Did You Know???

> Infrastructure Grant Program

Infrastructure Insight

Have real estate questions? At a recent event for contracting entities, AHP real estate experts Chris Strickfaden and Louie Aguilar provided a high-level look at the real estate acquisition process from a buyer's perspective. The presentation covered a wide range of real estate topics including due diligence, zoning, permitting, and entitlements. Check it out here: [Real Estate with AHP's Experts](#).

Have questions of your own? Please reach out to your county's grantee liaison. Find them through the [Support Desk](#) on the IST Infrastructure Project Website. They'll be happy to arrange a session with an AHP real estate expert.

Event Calendar



We've tracked down a few current conferences, webinars, and grants to check out. The DSH IST Infrastructure Team is not endorsing any event or grant referenced below.

Conferences

National Council for Mental Wellbeing Conference (NatCon25)

May 5-7, Philadelphia, PA
Annual, 3-day behavioral health care conference and a chance to network with peers, policy influencers, medical directors, social workers, clinicians, and more.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference (NAMICon 2025)

June 11-13, Virtual
Annual conference addressing mental health awareness, education, and advocacy.

Correctional Mental Health Care Conference

National Commission on Correctional Healthcare and Sacramento County Probation Department Youth Detention Facility
July 20-21, San Francisco, CA
Mental health, juvenile care, MOUD and many more topics related to the intersection of behavioral health and serving justice-involved individuals.

Webinar

Eviction Prevention: Strategies for Supporting Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders

Homeless & Housing Resource Center
Recorded
Assisting individuals with mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders living in community-based, low-income housing.

Grants

Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion and Development (CITED)

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Application Deadline: May 2, 2025
The PATH CITED initiative provides funding to enable the transition, expansion, and development of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports capacity and infrastructure.

Permanent Local Housing Allocation/ 2024 PLHA NOFA

California Department of Housing and Community Development
Application Deadline: December 30, 2025
Housing-related project and program funding for eligible California local governments to help address unmet housing needs in their communities.

You Work Hard to Support Your Community,

We'll Work Hard to Support You



We're here to help with your real estate-related questions and get you on the right track!

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, a technical assistance (TA) call may be in order.

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

The IST Team offers a range of resources, tools, and opportunities necessary to get infrastructure projects off the ground. We are committed to providing the highest level of customer service and to addressing every question or request promptly.

Contact the Support Desk

How to Evaluate Diversion (and Community-Based Restoration) Programs



Future funding opportunities may rely on the effectiveness of current programs. How to prove effectiveness? Data.

The best time to start collecting evidence and tracking outcomes? Right from the start.

Getting support from community stakeholders and winning over public opinion can be much easier with evidential data. But where to start? Viet Nguyen and Jennifer A. Tallon of the Center for Justice Innovation offer tips in "A Practitioner's Guide to Evaluating Prosecutor-Lead Diversion Programs." [Read it here!](#)

Team Spotlight

Meet Chris Strickfaden



Chris is a real estate subject matter expert supporting the IST Infrastructure Project. He has over 30 years of brokerage, development, and commercial property management experience. Chris and AHP colleague Louie Aquilar recently gave a high-level overview of the real estate process from a buyer's perspective. Check it out.

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