

The Blueprint

IST Infrastructure Project
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The Blueprint is a quarterly bulletin to keep you connected to resources and updated on all things IST Infrastructure Project-related. In this updated issue we revisit IST Infrastructure Project-related braided/blended funding possibilities, new grant opportunities, and highlight events of interest.

> Another Look at Alternative Funding

At a recent IST Infrastructure Project event, guest presenters Anne Robin and Mary Marx of Capstone Solutions Consulting Group provided a comprehensive overview of funding sources that may be options for organizations providing services to IST populations to braid or blend. [See the overview here.](#)

Participant questions included the Permanent Diversion Service Contract, and while that is not part of the IST Infrastructure Project grant, it IS related - the Service Contract is required to qualify for funding. We passed the questions along to DSH and have the answers for you below.



WHAT ARE THE CURRENT RENTS FOR NON-DSH CLIENTS IN FACILITIES?

DSH allows for counties to use the IST Infrastructure program beds for non-DSH clients. However, rent or services pertaining to the non-DSH clients will not be reimbursed by DSH. For more information, please refer to [DSH Departmental Letter 24-004 IST Mixed Population](#).

HOW QUICKLY CAN ORGANIZATIONS BEGIN RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THE SERVICE CONTRACT?

DSH Permanent Diversion Service Contract funds are available to be invoiced once the DSH Permanent Diversion Service Contract is executed and the DSH Permanent Diversion Program Plan has been approved by DSH. Please contact your DSH Contract Manager or Liaison with any questions.

IS THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A TRANSPORT VEHICLE COVERED IN THE SERVICE CONTRACT?

Please contact your DSH Contract Manager or Liaison with questions related to client

transportation and allowable costs within the DSH Permanent Diversion Service Contract.

HOW FLEXIBLE ARE THE FUNDS IN THE DSH SERVICE CONTRACT AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING? CAN MONEY BE USED FROM EITHER THE SERVICE CONTRACT OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD FUNDING TO COVER A 24/7 FACILITY MANAGEMENT POSITION?

DSH Permanent Diversion Service Contract funds may be realigned from one line item to another within a given fiscal year, provided the county does not exceed the total contracted dollar amount for that fiscal year. The realignment of contract funds must be requested by the county and approved by DSH. This request may be submitted at any time and will not require a contract amendment. [Response continues here.](#)

Event Calendar



Check out the conferences and funding opportunities below. We're always on the lookout for you!

***Note:** The DSH IST Infrastructure Project Team is sharing, not endorsing, any events, or other opportunities referenced below.

Conference

Mental Health America Conference - Turn Awareness into Action

Mental Health America (MHA)
Topics include Innovation, Collective Impact, Breaking Barriers to Access, and Youth and Young Adults
Where: Washington DC
When: **October 16-17, 2025**

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

Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2: Unmet Needs (2025)

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Grant opportunity for rural or remote areas or areas with no prior BHCIP funding.
Request required pre-application consultation (PAC) before August 29, 2025.
Submit Application by October 28, 2025.

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



Questions? We're here to help!

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](#)

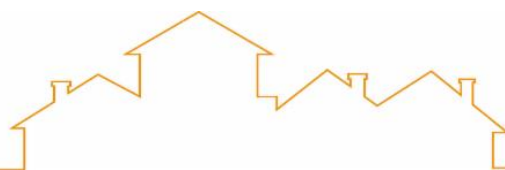
Team Spotlight



Meet Jessica Ho-Sang

Jessica is a program associate and marketing specialist supporting the DSH IST infrastructure project. She has experience working with populations experiencing housing insecurity and substance use disorder and has been instrumental in building the IST Infrastructure Project from the start. Thank you, Jessica!

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