

Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) Changes

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Background

In October 2022 DHCS released a Request for Applications (RFA) for Round 5 of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

The purpose of Round 5 was to address significant crisis care gaps in the State's behavioral health infrastructure.

Round 5 available funding totaled \$480 million intended to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand behavioral health services to Californians.

In February 2023, the Bureau submitted an application requesting \$20,166,779 in funding to rehabilitate the old county jail located at 1420 Natividad Road into a 100-bed MHRC.

The County Administrative Office, the Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office provided letters of support for the application.





Background (cont'd)

DHCS received 118 applications totaling over \$2 billion in funding requests.

In June 2023, DHCS notified the Bureau of an approved conditional award for the full \$20,166,779 with a \$1,703,908 match requirement, which was covered by the property value of the old jail.

The grant requires all funds to be spent by June 30, 2027, and AHP has been clear there will be no extensions.

In August 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 23-314 authorizing the Director of Health to execute an agreement with Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) to accept the grant to rehabilitate the old county jail.

Upon approval of the resolution, the Bureau in collaboration with the Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department (PWFP) began architectural design work, engineering analysis and development of a construction schedule for the MHRC.



New Developments

In February 2024, the Sheriff's Office notified the Bureau that the site was no longer available as they needed to retain it.

The Bureau began exploring alternative sites for the MHRC and in March 2024 an empty parcel located on the corner of Medical Center Drive and Constitution Blvd was identified as a possible alternative.

The Bureau has been communicating with AHP to update on the project status and earlier this year received a verbal approval to modify the Agreement and the necessary documentation to change the MHRC location.

Given verbal approval, the Bureau has been working on moving the project forward and Natividad is in support of this new build (new location is located in Natividad's campus).



Impacts of new build

Pros

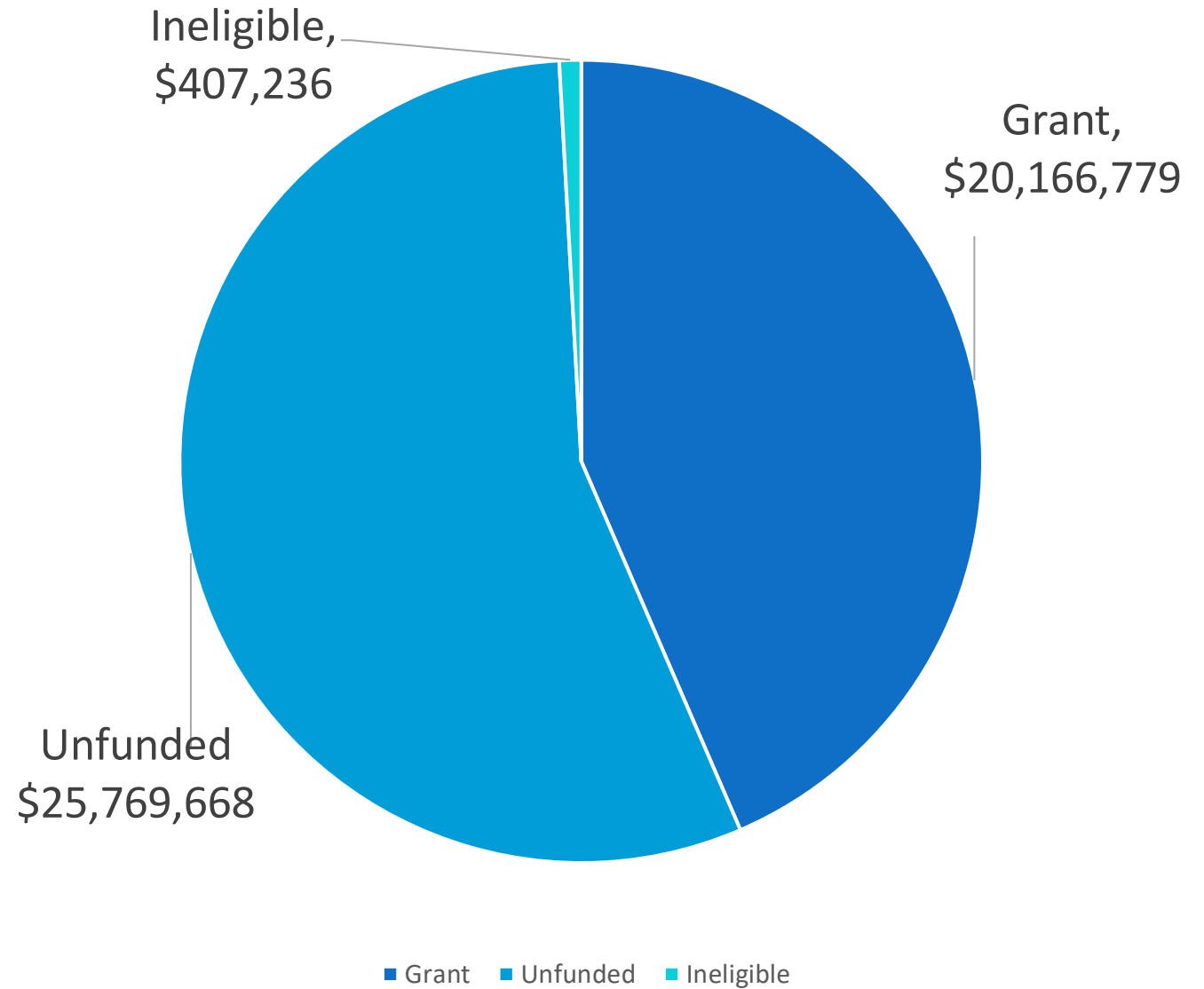
- Build a facility that better meets needs.
- Ability to bill Medi-Cal
- Build a Crisis Urgent Care or Stabilization unit
- Long-term, build a co-located adult clinic adjacent to MHRC.

Cons

- MHRC is partially unfunded
- Tight project timeline (funds must be spent by June 2027)
- CEQA requirements may apply
- \$407,236 in costs that are now ineligible.

Costs

The MHRC has a conservative projected cost of \$45,936,467 million project costs





Today's ask

- a. Accept plan changes to the conditionally awarded Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (“BHCIP”) Round 5 Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum grant from converting the County of Monterey’s jail rehabilitation facility into a regional Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (“MHRC”) to construction of a new regional MHRC on county-owned property; and
- b. Authorize and direct the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a “Standard Agreement” with the California Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”), through its administrative entity Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (“AHP”), for the construction of a new regional MHRC, subject to approval by the Office of County Counsel and Board of Supervisors, in a total amount not to exceed \$20,166,779 from BHCIP; and
- c. Direct the Director of Health or designee to work with the County Budget and Analysis Division to identify an appropriate funding source for expenses incurred to date for preliminary site assessment activities in the amount of \$407,236; and
- d. Provide further direction as appropriate.





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Thank you.

Questions?



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