



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
TRANSFER OF MHSA HOUSING FUNDS TO THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING
FINANCING AUTHORITY (CalHFA)**

What:

San Luis Obispo County (the County) agrees to participate in the state-administered Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program funded from the Community Services and Support Component of the MHSA. The MHSA Housing Program will be jointly administered by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in conjunction with the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA).

The initial planning estimate for San Luis Obispo County's allocation of MHSA Housing Program funds is \$2,583,400. The MHSA Housing Program is funded from the Community Services and Support (CSS) Component of the MHSA. DMH requires the assignment of these funds to CalHFA in order to participate in the MHSA Housing Program. If any or all of this allocation is not assigned to CalHFA within three years from the date of allocation it will revert to the State.

CalHFA is responsible for the review of the application for all aspects of the project related to purchase, renovation and/or construction of the housing development; underwriting of loans; disbursement of funds; all determinations regarding the use of operating subsidies for the development; and continued monitoring of the project.

DMH is responsible for review of the service related aspects of the application and for monitoring of the project to assure that appropriate supportive services continue to be provided.

Nothing shall prohibit the County from using funds from other programs to supplement the MHSA Housing Program funds, subject to requirements that may be applicable to use of such funds.

The transfer of the MHSA Housing Program funds of \$2,583,400 to CalHFA will allow the County to participate in the state-administered MHSA Housing Program. In general, it is anticipated that this program will enable the County to provide permanent supportive housing for low-income adults or older adults with serious mental illness, and children with severe emotional disorders and their families who, at the time of assessment for housing services, meet the criteria for MHSA services and are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

What's Next:

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed transfer of existing MHSA Housing Program funds to CalHFA from April 4 – May 3, 2008.

At the close of that period, the proposal will be forwarded to Board of Supervisors then to the Department of Mental Health and CalHFA for approval.

To Comment on the Proposed Amendments:

Please contact Nancy Mancha-Whitcomb, MHSA Division Manager, at 805-781-4868.
or email to: nmancha-whitcomb@co.slo.ca.us

To Review the Full Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan and to learn more about MHSA: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/mentalhealthservices/mhsa.htm>

Appendix A

Assignment Agreement

MHSA Housing Program

San Luis Obispo County

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The County agrees that upon its approval of this Assignment, the State Fiscal Year 2007/08 Planning Estimate in the amount of \$2,583,400 specified for the MHSA Housing Program will be transferred by DMH on behalf of the County to CalHFA. Specifically, funds in the amount specified will be transferred from the Mental Health Services Fund to the State Operations portion of the DMH state budget, item 4440-001-0001 Program 10, State Operations. DMH will then transfer these funds to CalHFA for support of the MHSA Housing program.

CalHFA will hold the funds transferred in a county specific sub-account, invest the funds in an appropriate investment vehicle as determined by CalHFA, and credit the county sub-account with interest received on the investment. The County (and the project sponsor, if applicable) may access MHSA Housing Program funds only through a MHSA Housing Program Application approved by CalHFA and DMH.

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Nothing shall prohibit the County from using funds from other programs to supplement the MHSA Housing Program funds, subject to requirements that may be applicable to use of such funds. This Assignment shall be effective only if the county has a fully executed MHSA Agreement with DMH.

Approved for County (by signature)
Printed Name and Title: