

County Certification- General System Development Housing

I hereby certify that I am the official responsible for the administration of Community Mental Health Services in and for _____ County and that the following statements and written explanation are true and correct:

1. The County plans to use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) General System Development (GSD) Funds to acquire renovate and/or construct housing.
2. The primary purpose of the project will be dedicated for MHSA purposes for a minimum of 20 years, which include serving the public by providing necessary housing to individuals with serious mental illness and/or serious emotional disturbance who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Any benefit to private developer(s) is merely incidental to the primary public purpose.
3. All necessary outside sources of funding have been secured and the MHSA GSD funds requested will only be used to acquire, renovate and/or construct those portions of the property that will be used for the provision of MHSA services.
4. For any proposed renovations to privately owned housing, the costs of renovation are reasonable and consistent with what a prudent buyer would incur and the County has secured its financial investment in the project via regulatory agreement, deed restriction or other mechanism commonly used by the county for this purpose.
5. The County will maintain and update the housing as necessary for a minimum of twenty years without requesting additional State General Fund funds to do so.
6. The County ensures that the project is appropriately managed and will: (1) monitor construction, (2) regulate agreements between the developer and the residents, (3) maintain records (including budget information) for reporting and audit requirements, (4) assure all project expenditures serve a public purpose, and (5) that the project continues to serve a primary public purpose.
7. The County will report to the Department, within 60 days, any finding by the County project manager that expenditures have been made that do not serve a public purpose.
8. The project may be subject to random audit. All records and information for the project will be maintained and will be produced upon request of a DMH auditor.
9. If the Department determines that the project is not serving primarily a public purpose, either through an audit or on the basis of other information, the County may be required to return all or part of the GSD funds used for the project.

10. The County will submit an annual report on the status of the project, including the number of clients housed, the types of services provided and a list of project expenditures.
 11. The County will comply with federal, state, and local procedures for procuring property, obtaining consulting services, and awarding contracts for any acquisition, construction or renovation project using GSD funds.
 12. The project will comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to zoning, building codes and requirements, fire safety requirements, environmental reports and requirements, hazardous materials requirements, the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, California Government Code Section 11135 and other applicable requirements.
 13. Mental Health Services Act funds were used in compliance with Title 9 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3410, Non-Supplant.
 14. The project has been developed with the participation of stakeholders, in accordance with CCR Sections 3300, 3310, 3315 (b), the public and our contract service providers.
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Date: _____

Signature _____

County Mental Health Director

Date: _____

Signature _____

Auditor and Controller

Executed at: _____, California.