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**Agenda Item  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

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**Item Number: 1.9**

**MEETING DATE:** 03/24/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Mike Hodges

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Tracey Belton

**SUBJECT:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON**

1. Approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of San Juan Bautista allocating the City's 2019 annual Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) grant for an amount not to exceed \$75,999.00 to the County of San Benito for the operation of supportive case management services; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign the MOU and any amendments thereto.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented for approval is a new agreement that extends the term of a prior MOU between the County and the City of San Juan Bautista (City). The previous MOU expired, and the City provided the County with an updated MOU to allow services to continue. Approval of this MOU will allow the County to continue delivering these valuable services and maintain ongoing efforts to support homeless residents in the San Benito County, including the City of San Juan Bautista.

Through this partnership, the County has provided supportive case management and street outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Much of the work under the prior MOU has been

already provided on connecting residents to resources, providing support services, and conducting outreach to individuals living unsheltered.

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is needed in order to receive funds from the City of San Juan Bautista for housing and supportive services through the term of the MOU. The MOU will allow the County to utilize available funding to support individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

This MOU modifies a previous MOU between the County and the City by defining the MOU term as in effect for the entire term of the Standard Agreement between the City of San Juan Bautista and the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Department (HCD); that is June 2030.

The Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program was established as part of the State's effort to address California's housing shortage and rising housing costs. In 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed a housing package that included the Senate Bill 2 (2017), which created a \$75 recording fee on certain real estate transactions to provide a permanent funding source for local governments to support affordable housing and homelessness-related programs. PLHA funds are intended to support eligible housing-related activities, including services that assist individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

On October 18, 2023, the City of San Juan Bautista approved a resolution adopting its five-year plan to allocate PLHA funds for the 2019–2025 period in the amount of \$455,999. As part of that plan, the City requested that the San Benito County operate outreach and supportive case management services within both jurisdictions using the City's 2019 allocation in the amount of \$75,999.

Given the ongoing need to address homelessness, these funds support services such as outreach to unsheltered individuals, referrals to community resources including the County shelter, housing navigation assistance, and supportive case management. These activities complement and enhance the County's existing homeless services network and help connect individuals with housing and supportive resources.

The proposed MOU will allow the County to continue delivering these critical services while fully utilizing the funds to assist individuals experiencing homelessness.

Work under the previous MOU between the City of San Juan Bautista (SJB) and the County was actively carried out to support the homeless population while the agreement was in effect.

Following the expiration of that MOU, it was determined that grant funding awarded to SJB by the State remained available and had not yet expired. This item is being brought forward at this time to re-establish the MOU, allowing the City and County to continue utilizing the remaining funds to provide services to the community.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant fund amounts have been previously budgeted for this current fiscal year.  
Current Budget Line Item number: 240.80.2555.2610

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet - MOU SJB PLHA Grant](#)

[MOU PLHA Grant Funds](#)

[Resolution 2026-06 Adopt PLHA Plan](#)