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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 01/27/2026

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. Adopt Resolution accepting the 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the State of California Department of Community Services & Development (CSD); and
2. Approve retroactive Standard Agreement #26F-5034 in the amount of \$281,647.00 for the term of January 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 to administer and operate community-based programs to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families and individuals within San Benito County to achieve greater self-sufficiency; and
3. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign the agreement and any amendments thereto.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-10

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federally funded program in the United States aimed at reducing poverty, revamping communities, and empowering low-income individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.

CSBG provides funding to local agencies, typically Community Action Agencies (CAAs), which deliver services and programs tailored to the specific needs of their communities. The grant funds a wide range of programs and services, such as: Employment services (job training, placement, and counseling); Housing assistance (emergency shelter, housing stabilization); Nutrition assistance (food pantries, meal

programs); Education and skill development (adult literacy, GED preparation); Energy assistance (help with heating and cooling costs); Health services (preventive care, health education); Youth programs (after-school activities, mentoring).

The State Department of Community Services & Development (CSD) has issued the 2026 grant agreement to San Benito County in the amount of \$281,647.00 for the period of January 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027. CSBG funding will be used to operate programs and services for low-income residents including programs for homeless families, hotel vouchers, transportation assistance (tokens), purchase of supplies, supportive services for low-income residents and for general operations of other programs in the department.

This grant is incorporated into the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget. There is no match requirement and no impact on the County General Fund. These grant funds will serve low-income individuals and families living at or below the poverty line, as defined by federal guidelines. These populations include the elderly, children, individuals with disabilities, and others facing economic or social hardships.

These funds serve as the base administrative funding to the Community Action Agency of San Benito County which allows for fund development to serve over 1,500 low-income residents in San Benito County with programs such as LIHEAP utility assistance, homelessness, emergency housing, homeless census, HOPWA for clients with AIDs, rental assistance, Dream Catcher Program, and youth services.

On or about December 19, 2025, the Agency received the contract for approval. Due to the State's delivery delay and the County's required Board verification and approval process this contract is retroactive to January 01, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

San Benito County, through its Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), CSWD, has been receiving Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds for over 30 years. The HHSA CSWD is designated by California's Department of Community Services and Development as the county's Community Action Agency, making it eligible to receive CSBG funding. The Community Services Block Grant program was established in 1981 and it is likely the county has been a recipient since the program's inception.

In the 2022 CSBG grant cycle, the county received \$275,298 in funding;
in 2023, the county received \$276,203;
in 2024, the county received \$281,647;
in 2025, the county received \$281,647.

This grant is in the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget.

In addition, CSD issues an additional annual allocation ranging from \$18,000-\$32,000 through the CSBG Discretionary funds which will be incorporated into the County's grant through an amendment later in the fiscal year.

The county account 240.80.2555.2960 will monitor all grant revenues and expenditures.

This item was budgeted for FY25-26 and does not require a budget amendment resolution to be processed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - 2026 CSBG Grant](#)
[Resolution - 2026 CSBG 26F-5034](#)
[Agreement 2026 CSBG 26F-5034](#)