



# County of Santa Cruz

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October 22, 2001

**AGENDA: November 6, 2001**

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Approval to Submit an Application for Supportive Housing Initiative Act (SHIA)  
Funding

Dear Members of the Board,

The California Department of Mental Health has issued a Request for Applications for funding under the Supportive Housing Initiative Act (SHIA). The process requires that a letter of intent to apply be submitted to the Department of Mental Health no later than November 2, 2001. HSA filed this letter of intent pending your Board's approval to submit an actual application for funds. The deadline for filing the actual application for funding is December 21, 2001.

Applications are being solicited for grants of up to \$2 million for each supportive housing project, or grants of up to \$3 million in the case of a local government agency submitting an application for multiple projects within their jurisdiction. The purpose of the SHIA program is to encourage the development of affordable, permanent housing with supportive services. The target population is defined as adults with low incomes having one or more disabilities, including mental illness, HIV or AIDS, substance abuse or other chronic health conditions. Also included in the target population are individuals with developmental disabilities and may include families with children, elderly persons, young adults aging out of the foster care system, individuals exiting from institutional settings, veterans or homeless people.

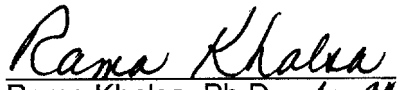
Grants may be used to provide either supportive services to clients in housing or rental subsidies for the housing itself. Capital investments cannot be funded through this program, however the program is designed to work with an array of State and Federal

funding programs. HSA Mental Health will use existing services as in-kind match for the grant. No new county funds will be needed to fund activities for this grant.

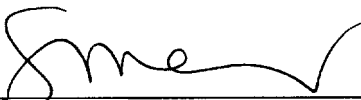
It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the submission of an application for Supportive Housing Initiative Act (SHIA) grant funding to the California Department of Mental Health from the Health Services Agency.

Sincerely,

  
Rama Khalsa, Ph.D. *RK*  
Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

  
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Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
HSA Administration  
MH Administration