

## MHSA Housing – Special Needs Housing Program Amendment

Special Needs Housing Program	FY 17/18
Current Total Budget:	\$5,000,000
Amendment to Add:	\$15,000,000

### Program Description

Per a Board of Supervisors directive on January 9, 2018, this proposed amendment to the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2017-18 through FY 2019-20 is to transfer \$15 million in CSS funds to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) under the Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP). These dollars will be used to fund the construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects for adults and older adults living with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Based on the 2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Survey which showed an increase in homelessness in Orange County, in combination with comments received from Orange County stakeholders during the MHSA Community Planning Process in October 2017, the expansion of funds dedicated to the development of PSH in Orange County is consistent with needs identified by the local community.

This request to transfer \$15 million for the development of PSH for individuals with SPMI follows a recent Board directive issued in June 2017 and approved on January 9, 2018 to transfer \$5 million to the SNHP.