



Approval of Application and Participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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AGENDA ITEM 16.2

BHCIP Overview

Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

Round 1: Launch Ready (August 9, 2024- December 13, 2024)

- \$3.3 billion awarded to fund behavioral health treatment facilities

Round 2: Unmet Needs funding opportunity (May 30, 2025- October 28, 2025)

- \$800 million available to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and service resources for Californians
- The City can contribute in-kind property equity to meet the 10% match requirement.
- The application is due October 28, 2025.



Teen Impact Center History

- The Gary and Janice Podesto Teen Impact Center was opened in 2005.
- The Teen Center was managed by the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton from 2005-2010.
- Family Resource and Referral Center of San Joaquin managed the Center from 2011 until the operations agreement expired in 2021.
- Since 2021, the Teen Center has sat vacant and is in a state of disrepair.



City Revitalization Efforts

November 2023: Released of RFI/SOQ for vacant/underutilized City land, including the Teen Center

- State of building and lack of resources prohibited partnership

April 2025: Released RFQ to identify potential partners/projects for BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs

- Lack of City resources limited options for City to pursue BHCIP

Teen Center identified as suitable for BHCIP to reactivate space

- In-Kind Property Equity: \$6.4 million





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I Am Ready Stockton Youth Center

Transforming Behavioral Health Access for Stockton's Young Adults

October 2025

Presented by
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The Need: Why This Matters

Stockton's young adults (ages 18–25) face alarming gaps in mental health and substance use care, especially those who are foster-experienced, justice-involved, or from historically underserved Black and Brown communities. Many experience homelessness, trauma, or untreated mental health needs. Current services reach only a small fraction of those in need.

- 📊 16% poverty rate
- 💔 Disproportionate homelessness among Black residents
- ⚠️ 50% of LGBTQ+ youth can't access mental health care



The Solution



The Hollywood Cares Foundation is partnering with San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services and Main Street Youth + Family Services to launch the I Am Ready Stockton Youth Center, a first-of-its-kind behavioral health and peer respite facility designed specifically for transition-age youth.

Capacity & Impact:

- Serves up to **41 individuals daily and 750 annually** through the clinic.
- Provides **20 respite beds** for youth in short-term crisis care.
- Builds a **Peer Support Specialist training hub**, creating pathways to **certification, employment, and mentorship** for local residents.

Core Components:

- Behavioral Health Clinic (operated by SJCBHS):
- Provides outpatient services for mental health and substance use, early intervention, and ongoing counseling—structured to maximize **Medi-Cal reimbursement** for sustainable care.
- **Peer Respite Housing** (operated by Main Street Youth + Family Services):
- Offers **short-term stays (up to 14 days)** in a safe, home-like setting for youth in crisis—helping them stabilize, maintain employment or school, and connect to long-term support.

Key Features & Partnerships:

- Designed around **Medi-Cal billable services** (mental health, substance use, case management, and peer support).
- Serves as a **diversion resource under Proposition 36**, connecting young adults to recovery and housing instead of incarceration.
- Establishes **referral partnerships** with local colleges, probation, and social service agencies.
- Prioritizes **Black, Brown, LGBTQ+, and foster-experienced youth** facing the highest barriers to care.

Our Vision



To create a **trusted, affirming, and community-rooted space** where Stockton's youth can heal, grow, and access the tools they need for stability and self-determination.

This project directly expands the **continuum of care** in Joaquin County bridging prevention, crisis stabilization, and long-term recovery, while cultivating a local peer-led workforce to sustain these outcomes for years to come.



Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom

Representative Josh Harder

Senator Jerry McNerney

Genevieve Valentine, Director of Health Care Services, San Joaquin County

Tony Yadon, Executive Director Main Street Youth and Family Services

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

- 1) Authorizing an application to and participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (“BHCIP”);
- 2) Authorizing the Teen Impact Center to be leveraged as match as part of the application for BHCIP funding; and
- 3) Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to take whatever actions are deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.



