



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**DATE:** April 30, 2024

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### **SUBJECT**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE DONOR’S ESTATE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, provide a process for accepting gifts by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. In September 2023, the County’s Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) received a donation in the amount of \$275,253.31 from the Fredrick J. West Estate.

Today’s request is to ratify the acceptance of a \$275,253.31 donation from the Fredrick J. West Estate to BHS.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with the County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, ratify the acceptance of donation from the Fredrick J. West Estate in the amount of \$275,253.31 for Behavioral Health Services.
2. Authorize the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the Fredrick J. West Estate.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The acceptance of the donation from the Fredrick J. West Estate serves to enhance Behavioral Health Services’ mission to advance equity and accessibility to quality behavioral health programs to ensure all San Diego County residents can stay connected, stable, and healthy.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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This item supports the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4, to protect health and well-being. This will be accomplished by applying the donation by the Fredrick J. West Estate toward existing behavioral health services that enable people in need of care to stay connected, stable, and healthy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. Today’s request to ratify the acceptance of a donation from the Fredrick J. West Estate, will result in unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$275,253.31. These funds will be applied toward existing costs within Behavioral Health Services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

On April 4, 2024, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board [REDACTED] this Board Letter on consent.

**BACKGROUND**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides a comprehensive array of mental health and substance use services to people of all ages. These services are delivered through County-operated programs, as well as contracts with community service providers. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

In September 2023, BHS received a donation in the amount of \$275,253.31 from the Fredrick J. West Estate in gratitude for caring for Mr. West’s son for over 40 years indicating the funds may be used in any way needed. If approved, the funds will be applied toward existing behavioral health services thus advancing the County’s vision of transforming behavioral health care from a model driven by crises, to one driven by chronic or continuous care and prevention through the regional distribution and coordination of resources to keep people connected, stable, and healthy.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today’s proposed actions support the County of San Diego’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan initiatives of Equity (Health) and Community (Quality of Life) as well as the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This is accomplished by caring for people with mental health and substance use conditions through a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services administered through accessible behavioral health programs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SARAH AGHASSI  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Attachment A – Letter of Appreciation to the Fredrick J. West Estate

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