

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.22
(ID # 29693)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Accept the Home Safe Program allocation from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to continue and expand housing and homelessness assistance through the Home Safe Program, through June 30, 2028; All Districts. [Total Cost \$3,779,552; 100% State Funding]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Home Safe allocation from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to continue and expand housing and homelessness assistance through June 30, 2028 in the amount of \$3,779,552; and,
2. Authorize the Director of DPSS, or designee, to execute and administer the Home Safe allocation and sign any Director certifications, certifications, contracts, assurances, reports, or other related documents required by CDSS to effectuate the allocation, approved as to form by County Counsel; and,
3. Authorize the Director of the DPSS, or designee, charged with the responsibility of administering and implementing the Home Safe Program, to:
 - a. accept additional funding, if available, in the current or future fiscal year(s), as a result to the Home Safe initiative set forth by CDSS; and,
 - b. execute subsequent amendments and agreements resulting from new funding, that do not exceed the allocated amount, as well as any other documents which are related to the CDSS allocation, as approved as to form by County Counsel, that are consistent with the funding conditions and consistent with Board approval.

ACTION:Policy

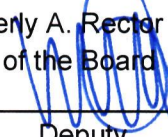

Charity Douglas, DPSS Director

1/12/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 27, 2026
xc: DPSS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$3,779,552	\$ 0	\$3,779,552	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26-27/28	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

This request is to accept the Home Safe allocation from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to continue and expand housing and homelessness assistance through June 30, 2028 in the amount of \$3,779,552.

The Home Safe Program, created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), is intended to support the safety and housing stability of elders and dependent adults served by or in the intake process of Adult Protective Services (APS) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In December 2018, DPSS submitted an application for the Home Safe Program, and through a competitive proposal process, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocated DPSS \$1,969,541 for this program. On October 15, 2021, the Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill (SB) 129, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021) appropriated a total of \$92.5 million for Home Safe to continue through June 30, 2024. From this amount, Riverside County was allocated \$3,658,142. On September 21, 2022, the Budget Act of 2022 (Assembly Bill (AB) 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) appropriated a total of \$92.5 million for Home Safe to continue through June 30, 2025. From this amount, Riverside County was allocated \$3,658,142.

Across California, APS social workers are finding that seniors and adults with disabilities who are the victims of abuse or neglect are at risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless. APS programs are uniquely positioned to help individuals in a moment of crisis; however, they do not have the funding to adequately address the needs of homeless individuals or prevent victims from becoming homeless. Since 2019, DPSS has served over 2,700 clients through the Home Safe Program and provided services such as short-term rental or utility assistance, legal assistance, and expanded case management. With this additional funding, DPSS estimates to serve 525 individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. DPSS will continue to track progress and collect data in collaboration with the CDSS, local Continuum of Care (CoC), housing agencies within incorporated cities, and local housing service providers to regularly measure and monitor program performance. This allocation will continue supporting the operational and administrative staffing needs of DPSS' Home Safe Program.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

DPSS Home Safe Program will ensure APS clients requiring an increased level of intervention are connected to housing related services within the community to create a link between

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existing resources and comprehensive case management; thus, closing gaps and removing barriers to achieve housing stability and improve the lives for APS clients.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Home Safe FY 2025/2026 Noncompetitive Allocation, ACWDL



Stacey Pena, EO Management Analyst 1/15/2026



Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 1/12/2026