

COUNTY OF ORANGE | HEALTH CARE AGENCY | MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT | CAPITAL FACILITIES

CAPITAL FACILITIES FACT SHEET

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding for services and supports that promote wellness, recovery, and resiliency. A portion of the MHSA funds have been specifically set aside for Capital Facilities. The County must show that use of these funds will:

- Produce long-term impacts with lasting benefits
- Move the mental health system toward the goals of wellness and recovery
- Support integrated service experiences
- Increase peer support and consumer run facilities
- Develop community based, less restrictive settings that will reduce the need for incarceration or institutionalization
- Provide for the expansion of accessible community-based services for clients and their families

What is a "Capital Facility"?

- A building secured to a foundation which is permanently affixed to the ground
- Used for the delivery of MHSA services for mental health clients and their families or
- Used for MHSA administrative offices

Allowable Use of Capital Facilities Funds

- Acquire and build upon land
- Acquire Buildings
- Construct Buildings
- Renovate Buildings
- Establish a capitalized repair and replacement reserve for buildings acquired with Capital Facilities funds

Proposed Use of Capital Facilities Funds

The Health Care Agency has begun project development to use the County-owned property located at 401 S. Tustin Street in Orange. The proposed project will include approximately three acres of site improvements including surface parking, underground utilities, sidewalks, landscaping, landscape irrigation, fire lanes, recreation areas, area lighting, building security, signage, and perimeter fencing. The Groundbreaking ceremony washeld on October 12, 2010. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2011.

Programs to Occupy the Tustin Street Facility

- Crisis Residential Program to serve as an alternative to hospitalization for acute and chronic mentally ill
 persons
- Wellness/Peer Support Center to offer assistance with benefits, employment, socialization, and self-reliance
- Education and Training Center, which would provide support to consumers and their families who aspire to a career in mental health

All of these programs occupy interim facilities until completion of the Tustin Street Facility.