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**San Joaquin County Receives \$38.2 Million from State of California
to Expand Behavioral Health Treatment Capacity**

Stockton, CA – San Joaquin County has been awarded **\$38,230,841** in **Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2: Unmet Needs** funding from the State of California, enabling major new expansion of Phase 2 of the County's **SJ BeWell Campus**.

This significant investment from the **California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)** will support construction of a **new 52-bed regional Social Rehabilitation Facility** which will include an integrated **Community Outpatient Center**. This facility can serve six Central Valley counties to strengthen the region's continuum of behavioral health care and collaboration.

"This project is transformative for our region. Expanding treatment capacity and strengthening cross-county partnerships ensures people can access coordinated, compassionate care for generations," commented Board Chair and District Three Supervisor Sonny Dhaliwal.

A Transformative Step for Behavioral Health in the Central Valley

County leaders emphasized that this award deepens the County's commitment to building a fully integrated and coordinated behavioral health system designed around accessibility, early intervention, and long-term recovery.

Health Care Services Director Genevieve Valentine commented, "This award strengthens one of our region's most transformative behavioral health initiatives. By expanding our continuum of care, we can provide coordinated, compassionate services that support recovery and improve lives across the Central Valley."

The construction of Phase 1 of the campus—funded by a previous **\$137.5 million BHCIP Prop One Round One award, \$11.6 million in BHCIP Round 5**, opioid settlement funds, and local County investments—is already underway and will bring over **140 new beds** and a broad array of acute and subacute behavioral health services online in 2027. Phase 2 will expand that vision by adding longer-term residential treatment, life-skills development, vocational training, and employment opportunities.

“To fix homelessness, we have to address its roots. This funding expands real treatment options—more beds, more services, and more chances for people to get off the streets and rebuild,” said District Four Supervisor Steve Ding.

Meeting Regional Needs Through Integrated Care

The six-county Social Rehabilitation Facility with Community Outpatient Center will strengthen cross-county partnerships, which will create a regional model that will ensure that Medi-Cal members and underserved residents will receive needed services without delays or fragmented referrals.

Untreated mental illness and substance use disorders continue to contribute significantly to homelessness, emergency room utilization, and justice-system involvement in the region. The expanded campus aims to break these cycles by ensuring individuals can access **coordinated, person-centered care through a single point of entry**.

District One Supervisor Mario Gardea added, “This investment helps clean up our streets by expanding real, whole-person care. With coordinated services and treatment in one place, we can break cycles and strengthen our communities.”

“This effort is about compassion and giving people a genuine chance at recovery. With more treatment options and coordinated care, we can change lives and bring hope back to families,” continued District Two Supervisor Paul Canepa.

State Partnership and Accountability Requirements

As outlined in the State’s conditional award notice, San Joaquin County must meet several administrative and compliance milestones, including execution of a Program Funding Agreement with Advocates for Human Potential (AHP),

participation in onboarding and training, and adherence to long-term service and reporting requirements. Construction of Phase 2 is projected for completion by **June 30, 2030**.

A Vision for Generations

The SJ BeWell Campus will provide a transformational expansion of integrated behavioral health care to the Central Valley and strengthen cross-county collaboration and create a coordinated system that will broaden treatment options, support long-term recovery, and help individuals thrive for generations.

District 5 Supervisor Robert Rickman concluded, “This award meets a real, pressing need. It expands treatment capacity in a practical, sustainable way so we can respond effectively to behavioral health challenges now and long-term.”

About the SJ BeWell Campus

The SJ BeWell Campus is San Joaquin County’s comprehensive, multi-phase behavioral health treatment hub designed to offer a full continuum of services—from crisis care to long-term recovery support—in one integrated location. The SJ BeWell Campus brings together County Behavioral Health Services, Public Health, SJ Health (the County-operated FQHC Look-Alike), the San Joaquin County Office of Education, and neighboring counties to provide streamlined, collaborative care.

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