

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)

Delegation of Powers, Resolution No. 2019-04

Community Service Infrastructure Grant Program (CSI)

County of Merced, Resolution No. CSI 2023-01 (Third Funding Round)

December 12, 2024

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 2023, the Authority approved a CSI grant award for the County of Merced (County) in the amount of \$2,500,000 to renovate a County-owned facility to house a jail diversion program, which will provide mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment and trauma centered services for justice-involved individuals. The County has confirmed that renovation of the facility began in January 2024 but was taking longer than expected to complete due to setbacks including the theft of two HVAC units and the County Department of Public Works' concerns over parts of the electrical system. The County provided an updated timeline, and the project renovation is estimated to be completed in January 2025. Additionally, the County has confirmed that program services began in August 2023 and are temporarily being housed in a probation office; once the renovation of the facility is completed, the services will move into the new CSI facility.

The Authority received a request from the County dated September 26, 2024 to extend its milestone condition deadline to be open and operational from November 30, 2024 to January 29, 2025, a 60-day extension. The County's grant period and resolution expiration date is June 30, 2025.

ACTION: In consultation with STO legal counsel, who confirmed that the action fell within the Executive Director's delegated authority under Resolution No. 2019-04 the Executive Director executed the milestone extension on November 18, 2024.