

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Capital Facilities Workgroup

What is the task of the MHSA Capital Facilities work group?

The tasks of the Workgroup are to:

1. Initiate a planning process that involves getting input from stakeholders.
2. Adhere to State requirements for the Plan.
3. Develop and present proposal to the MHSA Steering Committee, including proposed priorities for the Plan.

What is MHSA?

In 2004 California passed Proposition 63, known as the Mental Health Services Act. It imposes a tax on California's millionaires and the money is used to provide Mental Health Services. The Department of Mental Health, along with the Oversight Accountability Commission and the California Mental Health Directors Association, provide guidance for the Counties for the MHSA requirements. Three components of MHSA focus on direct clinical services (Prevention and Early Intervention, Community Services and Supports, and Innovative Programs), and three focus on infrastructure (Workforce Education and Training, **Capital Facilities**, and Information Technology).

What is a "Capital Facility"?

A "Capital Facility" is a building secured to a foundation which is permanently affixed to the ground that is used for the delivery of MHSA services to mental health clients and their families or for administrative offices.

What is the purpose of the Capital Facilities component?

To acquire, develop or renovate buildings for county-provided or contracted services for the delivery of MHSA mental health services or for administrative offices.

What are allowable expenditures for the Capital Facilities component?

The County may only utilize Capital Facilities funds to:

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

Funds shall only be used for those portions of land and buildings where MHSA programs, services and administrative supports are provided.