

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS  
COMMUNITY FORENSIC PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION**

**LETTER OF INTENT  
TO APPLY FOR FUNDING**

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COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP  
ANNUAL PLANNING GRANT FUNDS: December 05, 2022  
**Submission Due Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

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Department of State Hospitals would like to invite all California Counties to submit this Letter of Intent (LOI) to obtain a \$100,000 annual planning grant intended to support the work of criminal justice and behavioral health stakeholder groups within the community that are working toward creating solutions to stop the arrest of individuals with serious mental illness.

Please complete this form and submit via email to [DSHDiversion@dsh.ca.gov](mailto:DSHDiversion@dsh.ca.gov) by the due date referenced above.

**1. Name of Person Submitting Letter of Intent:**

Name/Title: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer

County Name: Fresno County

County Department/Organization Represented: County Administrative Office

Contact Phone Number: 559/600-1710

Email Address: pnerland@fresnocountyca.gov

**2. Lead County Organization Designated to Administer Contract for \$100,000 Funding with the Department of State Hospitals:**

Point of Contact Name/Title: Samantha Buck, Deputy County Administrative Officer

Contact Phone Number: 559/600-1215

Email Address: sbuck@fresnocountyca.gov

3. List name, title, and organization of proposed members of Community Collaborative Stakeholder Workgroup below. If names are not yet available, please list titles and organization. As a requirement of funding disbursement, minutes of regularly scheduled group meetings with attendee verification must accompany quarterly invoices.

Name	Title	Department/Organization
Samantha Buck	Deputy County Administrative Officer	County Administrative Office
Craig Downing Vidal Fernandez	Assistant Court Executive Officer Director of Court Operations	Superior Court
Miguel Lopez	Chief Defense Attorney	Public Defender's Office
Traci Fritzler	Assistant District Attorney	District Attorney's Office
Joe Smith Terry Ramirez	Captain Wellpath Jail Health Services Administrator	Sheriff-Coroner's Office Primary Service Provider
Susan Holt	Director	Department of Behavioral Health
Manuel O. Salazar Joy Thompson	Assistant Deputy Chief Deputy Chief Probation Officer	Probation Department