

✓ ^{Homeless} Supervisors approve \$800,000 for homeless center

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Sentinel staff report

SANTA CRUZ — A cooperative effort by county and city officials has brought a planned Homeless Day Center another step closer to opening day.

"I'm pretty excited we're bringing this to closure," said Santa

Cruz Mayor Don Lane.

Tuesday the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approved more than \$800,000 for a down payment on the center, which will be near an existing homeless shelter on Coral Street in the Harvey West area.

The county funds were raised by

bonds originally sold to finance a proposed auto plaza that fell through.

At another meeting later Tuesday, the Santa Cruz City Council agreed to be responsible for \$63,000 annual payments on the center, although planners say those funds should come from the non-profit

organization running the facility.

Planners say they hope the center will provide homeless people with a safe and productive place to spend their days. Clients will be able to use the center to take showers, pick up mail, stash their belongings and receive job counseling.