

# **ALPINE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

## **FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW**

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and years of disinvestment. The \$300 million ongoing General Fund investment (\$200 million for local health departments, \$100 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to existing and emerging public health threats.

## **FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- FoPH has funded primary care services for the community and residents; Alpine County Public Health is the only provider of these services in the entire jurisdiction.
- With FoPH support, the county has begun the process of creating an opioid prevention program to address recent upticks in opioid-related morbidity and mortality.
- Funding has enabled public health to begin addressing health issues and health disparities identified through the jurisdiction's community health improvement plan (CHIP).
- County has employed a dedicated human resources technician to help maintain the public health workforce, assist with onboarding and training of staff, and ensures employees are prepared to meet emerging challenges and barriers experienced in working in a remote, rural environment.