

CONTRA COSTA HEALTH

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

- Hired staff to fill essential gaps in programs like HIV outreach/surveillance, communicable disease surveillance and case management (TB, Covid, Hepatitis C, Syphilis).
- Supports their COVID-19 response team and intake team; supporting all lab reconciliations and outbreak technical assistance for local SNFs and elderly care facilities. They have 5 PHNs and 5 clerks supporting this unit that has no other funding to support this. With these teams, their local assisted living facilities would have no support for infection control and outbreak support.