

DEL NORTE 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

- Funds have supported hiring a staff service analyst who has been instrumental in improving jurisdiction's core public health services and operations, streamlining program performance, and improving budget management in preparation for public health accreditation.
- Positions hired has enabled jurisdiction to strengthen its policy and procedure process, including creation of an outbreak response policy and protocol for various communicable diseases.
- Funds have enabled jurisdiction to hire a consultant to assist in the development of its community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP), with a particular focus on community partnerships and health equity.
- FoPH supports a leadership position within the department, and the positions spearheads development of organizational competencies and foundational capabilities that enable the department to adapt to the evolving nature of public health and better serve residents.