

FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC 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

- Nearly 80 percent of the FoPH funding has been used on direct service delivery among residents.
- Launched a mobile health program bringing providers from Saint Agnes Medical Center and UCSF to residents in the Central Valley. Mobile services were offered at over 60 events serving 300 patients as of October 2023.
- FoPH funding has allowed the local health department to maintain expanded workforce and infrastructure established during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding has supported expansion of communicable disease control efforts, disease surveillance capabilities, data analysis, and workforce training and development.
- FoPH supported a rural mobile health unit to better reach residents in rural and isolated areas of the county. The mobile health unit has supported over 178 community events that saw over 5,000 patients for urgent care services, community health worker navigation, vision services, and immunization services.
- Rabies control efforts were improved in the jurisdiction by improving data tracking and standardization of data collection in partnership with local animal control agencies. This work has reduced the threat of rabies among animals in the county.