

# **CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF 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**

- Supports 21 staff members that all have little to no other funding sources available to support them.
- Funds 2 Nurse Practitioners that provide direct patient care for our HIV/STI clinic; losing this funding would decrease access for patients who rely on these services to stay healthy and reduce complications of their illnesses.
- Funds 3 Environmental Health staff to support food safety and enforcement mandates to protect the broader community from foodborne illnesses and impacts.
- Funds a PrEP Navigator and HIV/STI Outreach staff which are critical to addressing equity and the high rates of these diseases in the Long Beach community and could not be sustained without funding.
- Supported our recent TB outbreak efforts since TB has very little to no funding at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Will support a critical data system upgrade within Environmental Health.
- Supports their communications team, fund development and finance/administration staff which are all essential roles for being able to bring in dollars, communicate our work and ensure we are effectively managing our grants.
- Support training, staff development and retention efforts across the Department with a variety of new staff members coming on since the pandemic. It is essential that the new staff have a basic understanding of public health in Long Beach and also access to the best practices in the field.
- Supports the violence prevention work in the City of Long Beach.