

MENDOCINO 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

- This funding was used to develop a PH Communications unit, which has proven to be instrumental in disseminating information during emergencies, advertising for events, promoting services, and reaching the community across a variety of platforms.
- Hired an Equity Lead to review departmental Policies and Procedures, identify effective ways to reach underserved populations, educate and train staff and community partners on best practices, and overall advocate for our clients.
- Hired a manager to oversee our Wellness & Prevention, Equity, and Employee Resources divisions, supporting the community and employees.
- Supports the creation of an Electronic Health Record for our department. Funds support an employee to be lead and will support easier access to client information, billing, referrals and quality assurance.
- Funds staff to support Public Health Accreditation, including the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.
- This funding not only prepare our department for the next major emergency but has helped enhance day-to-day activities.