

COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

- Added 24 full-time positions
- Expanded their laboratory, epidemiology, and public health preparedness efforts by adding an assistant laboratory director, a supervising public health epidemiologist and a chronic disease prevention coordinator.
- Established a Healthy Housing Program to monitor homes for health and safety hazards like mold, which harms many of their BIPOC communities. If funding is cut, Monterey County will go back to only reacting to complaints.
- Hired a health educator and supervisor to support healthy aging program.
- Hired an analyst to support access to care efforts among underserved populations.
- Hired a health educator to support emergency preparedness efforts.