

SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF 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

- Funds 17 new Permanent Civil Service (PCS) positions that strengthened data analytics, clinical programs, disease investigation, operations, and administrative support.
- Hired data analytics staff, including epidemiologists, analysts, and managers, that assess trends for public health threats and prioritization recommendations for more transparent data sharing to communities.
- Continued their Clinical Team, consisting of public health nurses, a pharmacist, health worker, program coordinator and managers, that was originally only for COVID-19 response. This team coordinates with community partners and provides direct support of preventive screening, vaccination, laboratory testing, and disease surveillance and investigation, and short-term home-based care as an embedded traditional service within the department for highest risk communities.
- Funds a communications position to continue the strengthened relationships with community and community leaders, specifically when it comes to sharing accurate health information.
- Funded trainings and workforce development, specifically in health equity and addressing social determinants of health in San Francisco's most vulnerable communities.