

ALPINE COUNTY 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 decades of disinvestment. The \$276 million ongoing General Fund investment (roughly \$188 million for local health departments, \$98 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 protect local communities from existing and emerging public health threats.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- FoPH has funded primary care services for the community and residents; Alpine County Public Health is the only provider of these services in the entire jurisdiction.
- With FoPH support, the local health department participated and engaged in local opioid prevention efforts to address recent upticks in opioid-related morbidity and mortality.
- Funding has enabled public health to begin addressing health issues and health disparities identified through the jurisdiction's community health improvement plan (CHIP).
- County has employed a dedicated human resources technician to help maintain the public health workforce, assisted with onboarding and training of staff, and ensured employees are prepared to meet emerging challenges and barriers experienced in working in a remote, rural environment.