

CITY OF BERKELEY HEALTH, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY 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 enabled the city to grow and strengthen its public health workforce and infrastructure in communicable disease prevention and control.
- FoPH supported an expanded epidemiology team that is able to better serve and respond to communicable disease needs in the jurisdiction.
- The city added staff focused on communication efforts within health divisions to strengthen collaboration within the community and deliver innovative and effective public health campaigns and messaging, enabling residents to stay informed of local public health threats and actionable steps to protect their health.
- The city conducted its first fully comprehensive community health assessment (CHA) with a focus on engaging the city's underrepresented and difficult to reach populations. FoPH also supported a community steering committee to direct and oversee the city's CHA and community health improvement plan (CHIP).
- Department staff engaged in multiple trainings to implement a Results-Based Accountability framework to develop equity-based performance measures for all programs. Metrics will be displayed on dashboards that will be accessible to both staff and community stakeholders, and will support the narrative of program service impact.