

BUTTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 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 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 funding supported nine positions across a variety of programs and service areas, including administration, fiscal, disease investigation, epidemiology, health equity, and immunizations.
- Expanded active tuberculosis surveillance and perinatal hepatitis B programs, including prevention, outreach, testing, and treatment services.
- Completed a department-wide HIPAA/HITECH security gap analysis and vulnerability assessment.
- Developed and implemented a new 2023-25 Butte County Community Health Assessment (CHA).
- Developed and implemented a new 2025-28 Butte County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Established a department health equity program, including the development and implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion guidance, language access plan, and other resources to support staff in providing meaningful access and services to persons with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities.
- Implemented a new department-wide web-based policy and procedure platform.
- Established a department-wide employee health and safety program that achieves full compliance with CalOSHA guidance and Butte County policies and protocols.