

COLUSA 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 funding has allowed the county to conduct and complete its first ever Community Health Assessment (CHA), which has shaped the collective health outcome goals for the county for the next five years as identified in the county's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The county has now officially moved into the implementation phase of the CHA/CHIP process.
- With FoPH support, the county has expanded its capabilities related to communicable disease control and prevention by expanding immunization clinics, conducting communicable disease and COVID-19 education and outreach, and providing staff training and development.
- Without this funding, the department would not be able to move forward top priorities, including creating new positions, enhancing clinical services, conducting community outreach activities, ensuring a focus on health equity, and improving the quality of department operations.
- FoPH has significantly increased staff capacities for projects that would not have otherwise been possible, such as the creation of the Colusa County Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Analysis Dashboard Map. This important asset provided an interactive view of the county's social determinants of health, informing the health department of potential service gaps and needs among residents and provided insight into strategic resource allocation to ensure residents' health and wellbeing.