

CONTRA COSTA 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 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 supported the county's ability to hire staff to fill essential gaps in programs like HIV outreach and surveillance, communicable disease surveillance, and case management for disease conditions including tuberculosis, COVID-19, hepatitis C, and syphilis.
- Supported communicable disease response and intake teams, tasked with supporting all laboratory reconciliations and outbreak technical assistance to local skilled nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities. Without these teams, local facilities would have no dedicated support for infection prevention and outbreak control, placing at risk resident and patient safety.
- Hired staff to ensure sustainability of an expanded emergency response and preparedness infrastructure.
- Hired staff to support important community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP) activities in partnership with local stakeholders and residents.
- Supported a robust administrative, quality, and performance improvement team focused on program modernization and centralization of administrative functions to increase efficiency, cost effectiveness, and improve coordination of services.
- Funded critical equipment for the Public Health Lab.