

EL DORADO 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-funded staff expanded clinical infrastructure and services, including capacity to provide vaccines, sexual health programs (e.g., HIV prevention and care, congenital syphilis), chronic hepatitis, communicable disease, infection prevention and outbreak management, and emergency preparedness.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH funds initially supported 12 new positions and continued funding has sustained six of those new positions, which supported a range of functions across communicable disease management, vital statistics, and leadership. These positions have improved response time and capacity for outbreak investigations and follow-up. Without FoPH, the county would be less likely to be able to stop the spread of infectious diseases before an outbreak occurs, which could significantly negatively impact both the county and the state. The leadership positions provided strategic guidance, structure, and efficiencies in the organization by providing dedicated support to each section and are responsible for driving the Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, and Public Health Strategic Planning processes with county and community partners.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH additionally supported three leadership positions to provide strategic guidance, structure, and efficiencies in the organization by providing dedicated support to each unit, including through coaching, guidance, and best practices.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH staff were instrumental in expanding the delivery of clinical services to rural community members through the WellDorado mobile van.