

MARIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND 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

- Supported Marin County Outbreak Prevention and Infection Control (OPIC) team which strengthens infection control practices in the county's highest risk settings such as nursing homes, long term care facilities, schools, and childcare settings. In 2023, the OPIC team trained over 400 staff and performed 19 site visits. In 2024, the OPIC team trained over 265 staff and performed 13 infection prevention site visits with nine focused on infection prevention program assessment.
- FoPH funding has supported backbone staffing for Marin Community Resilience Teams (CRTs) who perform geographic-based health-related community engagement, education, and outreach activities throughout the community.
- FoPH-funded staff supported CRTs deploy communications, presentations, and data to support timely health information, including on topics such as communicable disease transmission, emergency preparedness, health impacts from climate change, access to health and social services, and overdose prevention.
- FoPH funding has supported the launch of an administration and planning branch, including two staff positions, within public health to provide centralized administrative support, planning, and implementation of strategic initiatives, including community health assessment (CHA), community health improvement plan (CHIP), communications, and workforce development.