

MARIPOSA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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 funds were utilized to strengthen and expand the public health workforce with two full-time and two part-time positions focused on health education, environmental health, collaboration with community partners, stakeholder engagement, equity and inclusion, quality assurance and improvement, accreditation, and community outreach.
- FoPH supported multiple program specialists focused on environmental health, including retail food safety, air pollution efforts, and waste management.
- FoPH supported a program specialist focused on health education efforts within the community, including in areas related to health equity and inclusion, community engagement, outreach and communications, and collaboration with community partners and community-based organizations.
- FoPH funded an administrative analyst who is focused on department-wide performance improvement initiatives, including development of policies and procedures, public health accreditation, planning, and organizing for the community health assessment (CHA). This position has strengthened engagement with the community through various collaborative efforts and community outreach events.

- FoPH has supported training for staff on quality improvement efforts, and enabled staff to implement and use to improve community health, data departmental information, data dashboards, and other data visualization tools.
- Mariposa County completed its Community Health Assessment, providing insights into community health statuses, identifying potential health inequities, and highlighting other community health and safety concerns impacting health outcomes. The CHA was developed with broad community input and presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2025 and made available to the community and other partners.
- FoPH Funding supported 10 staff members to complete Six Sigma training to support the development of a learning organization. FoPH supported the purchase of software to interpret health data analytics to improve programs and address service needs.