



MODOC COUNTY PUBLIC 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 funding has allowed the county to dedicate a full-time employee as the Equity Coordinator, tasked with working with vulnerable community members to access health care services, ensuring equitable communication practices, and collaborating with community partners on health-related outreach events. The position has also recently begun work in the area of climate change and resilience.
- FoPH supported a Media Manager role, resulting in an organized communications team within the department. This team worked together to develop and disseminate information to promote events, services and healthy lifestyle activities, as well as health alerts during emergency situations.
- FoPH funding has additionally supported development of the county's first-ever Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. Funding has supported multiple staff positions, including an accreditation coordinator, to support departmental quality improvement initiatives and workforce development activities.