

MONO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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 epidemiologist served as a resource and technical consultant to public health officials and other local and state community stakeholders. The epidemiologist led the 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA), including community engagement, interviews and assessments, and data collection activities, to identify priority health issues of the county. Also supported by FoPH, the county's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) began in 2025.
- ▶▶▶▶ Supported 24/7 public health officer coverage.
- ▶▶▶▶ Funded one of only three nurses employed by public health.
- ▶▶▶▶ Funded community health outreach activities among residents.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH supported a Community Health Outreach Specialist that engaged closely with vulnerable populations in rural parts of the county. Outreach activities have included engagement with older adults and local students on health education and hygiene.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH has supported improvements to local communicable disease surveillance, including wastewater surveillance and a public-facing data dashboard.
- ▶▶▶▶ FoPH has improved Public Health Officer capacity and availability to assist in timely information distribution to county leadership, public health personnel, and county residents via press releases and social media assets.