

COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH 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

- Added 24 full-time positions.
- Improved community access to information on community health issues through development of new online communicable disease, perinatal health, and mortality data dashboards in English and Spanish.
- Visited 175 homes to improve living conditions, reduce environmental health risks like mold and lead, and safeguard the wellbeing of vulnerable community residents through Health Housing Services Program activities.
- Increased access to healthy aging and wellness information for over 1,300 seniors and their caregivers through FoPH-funded Healthy Aging Program classes in English and Spanish.
- Hired an analyst to support access to care efforts among underserved populations.
- Strengthened the Department's ability to dispense life-saving medications during an emergency by supporting point of dispensing (POD) and mass prophylaxis training and exercises.
- Improved organizational efficiency by creating a business technology system to request and track public health-related agreements with vendors, subcontractors, and grant agencies.
- Developed and implemented quality improvement projects to enhance employee occupational health and safety.