

# SHASTA 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 funding supported a community development coordinator position that facilitates the county's community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP).
- FoPH funding has supported the creation of a new program manager position to oversee a new division in public health focused on epidemiology, accreditation, workforce development, worksite wellness, performance management, health equity, community organizing, and contracting.
- FoPH funded a senior staff services analyst to support workforce development, quality improvement, and accreditation efforts.
- FoPH funding supported a community development coordinator position tasked with collaborating with the Shasta Substance Abuse Coalition on reducing opioid overdose deaths in the county. The position has supported the coalition in implementing naloxone dispensers in the county, provided technical assistance to community partners, and developed a first-ever countwide overdose response action plan.
- FoPH funding supported a community education specialist position with a focus on employee health and wellness through policy, systems, and environmental change. In 2024, this position supported the launch of a wellness space to support employees and mitigate workplace stress aligned with techniques from the California Surgeon General's Playbook for Stress.