



SIERRA 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 has supported hiring an epidemiologist on staff – a first for the county – to assist with communicable disease prevention and control efforts. This position offers critical support and capacities related to outbreak response and tracking.
- ▶▶▶ FoPH additionally supported environmental health-related positions who have been important in responding to multiple recent communicable disease. These staff work closely with state vector control on trapping, testing, messaging, and education of the public regarding vector-borne illnesses.
- ▶▶▶ Hired a part-time epidemiologist to facilitate our county's first ever Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and health equity work.
- ▶▶▶ FoPH funding has allowed the Director of Public Health position to transition from part-time to full-time. This enhancement strengthened recruitment as well as the director's ability to lead, coordinate, and respond effectively to pressing public health challenges.