

SISKIYOU 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

- Supported the chronic disease prevention and education programs, healthy aging, and suicide prevention/harm reduction program.
- FoPH-funded staff furthered the goal of chronic disease prevention by obtaining certification as Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) Peer Educators and conducted numerous diabetes education courses reaching multiple communities in the rural county throughout 2024.
- FoPH staff have conducted health screenings including blood pressure and blood glucose screening on the Wellness on Wheels mobile health unit serving unhoused, underinsured, and uninsured residents of the county.
- FoPH-funded staff have promoted healthy aging by distributing health fact sheets and senior resources packets throughout the county in key locations.
- FoPH staff have played key roles in the Medical Countermeasures Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise designed to test the local health department's capabilities for pandemic and emergency responses.
- FoPH staff continued outreach and education related to injury and violence prevention, including suicide prevention, by promoting firearm safety and supplying thousands of firearm and medication lockboxes to community residents and training hundreds of residents on community suicide awareness.
- FoPH supported quality improvement capabilities of staff, including staff completion of a results-based accountability certification.