

# SUTTER 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

- Created an Epidemiologist position, assignments include assisting Homeless Services team with data analysis and interpretation, response data visualization and updating annually community health assessment data.
- Created a position for Community Outreach and Public Health Messaging to enhance internal communications, coordinate partnerships with community partners and ensure the community receives health program messaging and education on a variety of Public Health programs and services.
- Created two positions that provide much needed administrative and fiscal support within Public Health, an area that has been underfunded and under-resourced in the past. These positions help manage over 56 separate grants within Public Health, among other duties.
- Enabled Public Health to make necessary renovations and improvements to our public health facilities to promote retention, morale, and attract new public health employees.



Supported a contract with Sacramento County Chest Clinic to refer Sutter County residents for clinical evaluation for suspected or confirmed active tuberculosis cases. Active TB cases continue to rise in Sutter County over the past year.



Created two positions dedicated to public health accreditation, including developing the community health assessment and community health improvement plans. These positions facilitate partnerships with local stakeholders, including ongoing and regular meetings, to address community health improvement plan priorities of homelessness, sexually transmitted infections, and building resilient communities (including subpriorities of addressing behavioral health, adverse childhood experiences, and food insecurity). These positions also work on workforce development, quality improvement, and supporting health equity efforts. The staff analyst position overseeing accreditation efforts also oversees the public-facing front office staff and the vital records program, providing dedicated supervision and support.



Created a key program manager position to oversee health education and outreach, WIC, and epidemiology programs at Sutter County Public Health. This position provides critical support for these programs which have experienced growth and increased responsibilities. The program manager also oversees health equity initiatives, including leading department-wide initiatives and efforts.