

TEHAMA COUNTY HEALTH 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 development of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the first Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), including intensive community engagement and outreach.
- Established surveillance systems to mitigate disease outbreaks.
- Supported equity efforts.
- Created new job classifications, including an epidemiologist, program manager, and public health intern, to bolster the public health infrastructure.
- Supported communicable disease infrastructure and workforce development activities through a newly added PHN III position.