Future of Public Health (FoPH) Funding

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Overview

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Funding Background

- COVID-19 pandemic exposed significant gaps in the existing public health infrastructure and emphasized the need for adequate investment in public health
- Budget Act of 2021: $200,400,000 annually to local health departments for public health workforce and infrastructure
  - Referred to as “Future of Public Health” funding
  - Purpose: ongoing investments in core public health functions that are cross-cutting and underpin the work of state and local public health departments
- First allocation to local health departments in FY2022-2023

CDPH Allocations

CDPH funding formula (2019 data or most recent year):

- 1) 50% based on population,
- 2) 25% based on proportion of population in living in poverty, and
- 3) 25% based on proportion of the population that is Black/African-American, Latino/a, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

County of Monterey Health Department Allocation:

- FY2022-2023: $2,563,477
- FY2023-2024: $2,563,477

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CDPH Spending Parameters

- At least 70% of funding must support recruitment of new permanent staff, including benefits and training
- No more than 30% of funding may be used for equipment, supplies, and other administrative purposes (such as facility space, furnishings, travel, and similar activities)
- Funding cannot replace existing public health resources; it may be used to supplement but not to supplant all other specific county fundings
- With the exception of FY2022-2023 funding, unspent funds cannot be rolled over to the next fiscal year

California Department of Public Health-Defined Key Service Areas

- Workforce Development, Recruitment, and Training
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- IT, Data Science, and Informatics
- Communications, Public Education, Engagement, and Behavioral Change
- Community Partnerships
- Community Health Improvement Plan

Leading Causes of Mortality among Monterey County Residents: 2022

Rank	Cause	Rate*
1	Alzheimer's Disease	48.6
2	Ischemic Heart Disease	40.3
3	Hypertensive Heart Disease	30.1
4	Stroke	29.7
5	COVID-19	23.0
6	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	20.2
7	Prostate Cancer	19.7
8	Breast Cancer	18.1
9	Drug Overdose	17.8
10	Lung Cancer	17.1

*Rate per 100,000 population

Rank	Cause	YLL**
1	Drug Overdose	499.9
2	Breast Cancer	248.2
3	Hypertensive Heart Disease	174.2
4	Ischemic Heart Disease	173.5
5	COVID-19	149.8
6	Stroke	117.1
7	Lung Cancer	75.3
8	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	71.3
9	Prostate Cancer	53.5
10	Alzheimer's Disease	26.6

**Potential Years of life lost per 100,000 population

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Data Source: California Department of Public Health

Leading Causes of Hospitalization among Monterey County Residents: 2022

Cause	Number of Hospital-izations
Septicemia	2,738
Hypertension	1,323
Other complications from birth	1,260
COVID-19	778
Complication of device, implant or graft	716
Acute cerebrovascular disease	708
Diabetes	693
Alcohol-related disorders	691
Polyhydramnios & other problems of amniotic cavity	683

Cause	Average Stay (Days)
Lung disease, external agents	44.7
Tuberculosis	34.9
Respiratory distress syndrome	33.6
Short gestation, low birth weight, & fetal growth retardation	33.4
Late effects of cerebrovascular disease	20.6
Spinal cord injury	19.4
Leukemias	17.8
Hodgkin's disease	16.4
Meningitis (not TB or STI)	14.0

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Data Source: California Department of Public Health

Leading Reportable Diseases and Conditions among Monterey County Residents: 2022

Rank	Disease	Number Reported
1	Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)	65,937
2	Chlamydia	2,216
3	Hepatitis C Virus, Chronic Infection	659
4	Gonorrhea	403
5	DMV Reportable Conditions	142
6	Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever)	142
7	Syphilis, Late	130
8	Syphilis, Early	103
9	Campylobacteriosis	73
10	Hepatitis B Virus, Chronic Infection	55

2022 Monterey County Community Needs Assessment Priorities

1. Diabetes
2. Mental Health
3. Access to Health Care Services
4. Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight
5. Heart Disease and Stroke
6. Substance Abuse
7. Housing
8. Infant Health and Family Planning
9. Injury and Violence
10. Cancer
11. Potentially Disabling Conditions

https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/general/accreditation/2022-monterey-county-community-health-needs-assessment-chna

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2018-2024 Health Department Strategic Plan Goals

1. Empower the community to improve health
2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention
3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services
4. Engage Health Department workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs

https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/general/strategic-plan

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Health Department FoPH Budget

Funding Area	FY2022-2023	FY2023-2024
New Staffing (Salaries and Benefits)	$1,793,013	$1,890,144
Health Administration (PEP, IT, HR)	$735,192	$628,787
Environmental Health	$122,611	$198,082
Public Health	$935,210	$1,063,275
Training	$90,000	$0
Hiring Bonuses	$20,000	$200,000
Supplies and Equipment	$62,316	$797
Community Plans & Assessments	$149,895	$0
Indirect Costs	$448,253	$472,536
Total	**$2,563,477**	**$2,563,477**

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Successes

- Added and filled 11 new, permanent full-time positions at Environmental Health, Public Health, and Health Administration including Planning, Evaluation, and Policy (PEP), Information Technology and Human Resources (Strategic Plan Goal #4)
  - Launched new Healthy Aging program (CHNA priority #9)
  - Provided dedicated support for Farmworker Resource Center and Community Health Worker Program (CHNA priority #3)
  - Expanded epidemiology and public health preparedness programs (Strategic Plan Goal #2)
  - Increased capacity for environmental health inspections and educational outreach (Strategic Plan Goal #2)
- Provided 10 sign-on bonuses for hard to recruit positions (Strategic Plan Goal #4)
- Supported completion of the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (Strategic Plan Goal #1)

Challenges

- Lengthy process for creating, approving, and recruitment for new permanent positions
- 70%/30% spending restriction
- Uncertain state-level fiscal outlook
- No rollover of unspent funding

Future Activities

- Update Healthy Department Violence Prevention Plan, strengthen prevention program (CHNA Goal #9)
- Expand HIV, STD and HCV services (Strategic Plan Goal #2)
- Increase training and professional development opportunities for staff (Strategic Plan Goal #3)
- Increase engagement with community and organizations in planning processes (Strategic Plan Goal #1)
- Expand quality improvement and compliance efforts (Strategic Plan Goal #4)

Questions and Comments

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