

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)  
Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth  
STAFF SUMMARY**

<b>Designated</b>	County of Santa Cruz	<b>Application Number:</b>	CY-03-45-007
<b>Lead Grantee:</b>	Behavioral Health Division	<b>Authority Meeting Date:</b>	April 29, 2021
	1400 Emeline Avenue	<b>Resolution Number:</b>	CY 2021-08
	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	<b>Total Recommended Amount:</b>	\$578,973.00

**County to be Served:** Santa Cruz

**Project Title:** Mobile Emergency Response Team Youth-North County (MERTY-No. Co.)

- Crisis Residential Treatment Program:
- Crisis Stabilization Program:
- Mobile Crisis Support Team Program:** 1 new team (1 vehicle and 3 staff)
- Family Respite Care Program:

**Summary of Project:**

**Mobile Crisis Support Team Program**

The County of Santa Cruz (County) plans to expand its current mobile crisis support services for youth by adding one new Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST) through the purchase of one new vehicle and the hiring of three new full-time equivalent staff that may include mental health clinicians and family partners to provide mental health crisis services for children and youth ages five to 21 in the northern part of the County. The County currently has a similar MCST (MERTY-So. Co.) funded by the Authority, serving the children and youth in the southern part of the County. The County will purchase a van that will be converted into an office on wheels to provide field-based mental health assessment and services, case management, and linkage to community resources. The MCST will function in partnership with the Santa Cruz Police Department and Sheriff's Office in youth-related 911 emergency calls. The County anticipates providing services to approximately 150 children and youth annually through its MERTY-No.Co. Grant funds will be used to purchase one new vehicle, to finance furnishings and equipment, for information technology costs, for three months of program startup or expansion costs, and for personnel costs for new staff. Authority staff evaluated the County's plan and has determined that the program is likely feasible and sustainable.

**Summary of Amounts:**

Program	Amounts Requested	Recommended Amounts
Mobile Crisis Support Team – Capital Funding	\$ 238,870.00	\$ 211,442.00 <sup>1</sup>
Mobile Crisis Support Team – Personnel Funding	\$ 412,988.00	\$ 367,531.00 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 651,858.00</b>	<b>\$ 578,973.00</b>

**Legal Review:**

Although disclosures were made by the applicant, the information disclosed does not appear to detrimentally affect the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Authority approve Resolution Number CY 2021-08 for a Final Allocation in an amount not to exceed \$578,973.00 for the County of Santa Cruz, subject to the conditions in the resolution.

<sup>1</sup> The Authority has deemed some costs ineligible and reduced the amount pursuant to Sections 7315 and 7320(f) of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth regulations.

**RESOLUTION NO. CY 2021-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH  
FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY APPROVING  
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF GRANT FUNDING UNDER  
THE INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

WHEREAS, The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality of the State of California, is authorized by the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.5) as supplemented by Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (“Children and Youth Program”) and implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 7313)) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to finance eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the application submitted by County of Santa Cruz (“Grantee”) against the eligibility requirements of the Children and Youth Program and implementing regulations, and pursuant to the Children and Youth Program and implementing regulations, recommends approval of a grant for the eligible project (the “Project”), which consists of mobile crisis support team capital costs and mobile crisis support team personnel costs, as described in the Grantee’s application and as more particularly described in Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has and may continue to appropriate funds for mobile crisis support team personnel costs in future fiscal years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Authority hereby approves a grant for capital costs in the amount of \$211,442.00 to the Grantee to complete the Project within a grant period that ends on January 31, 2023. Within this grant period, Grantee shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating the Project shall be open and operational on or before July 31, 2022. Funds shall not be disbursed if Grantee is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff that the Project is on track to be open and operational on or before July 31, 2022. Grantee must submit all capital cost disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority no later than October 31, 2022.

Section 2. The Authority hereby approves a grant for mobile crisis support team personnel costs in the annual amount of \$367,531.00 for the Project for up to five years. Annual grant amounts subsequent to the initial amount granted are subject to availability of annual budget appropriations by the Legislature. The Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to continue to disburse those funds as may be available under the State Budget Act for each fiscal year.

Section 3. The Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to approve any minor, non-material changes in the Project described in the application submitted to the Authority. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the Authority to provide additional funding, even if more grants are approved, exceeding available funding. Any notice to the Grantee shall indicate that the Authority shall not be liable to the Grantee in any manner whatsoever should such funding not be available for any reason whatsoever.

Section 4. The Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to disburse funds not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee. The Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, are further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the disbursement of funds that are consistent with the Children and Youth Program and implementing regulations.

Section 5. The Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director, are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, deems necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 6. All funds from this grant must be used in support of the County's mobile crisis support team program for children and youth.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of Santa Cruz (County) as follows:

Mobile Crisis Support Team

The County will add at least one new mobile crisis support team by purchasing one new vehicle and hiring three new full-time equivalent staff that may include mental health clinicians and family partners. The County may use grant funds, in accordance with Section 7315 of the Children and Youth Program regulations, to finance eligible costs in support of the County’s mobile crisis support team program for children and youth.

**Summary of Amounts:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Approved Grant Amounts</b>
Mobile Crisis Support Team – Capital Funding	\$ 211,442.00
Mobile Crisis Support Team – Personnel Funding	\$ 367,531.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 578,973.00</b>