

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)

INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Executive Summary Third Funding Round Final Allocations

February 24, 2022

Background

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, called the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (CY Grant Program), expanded the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (SB 82) to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth, 21 years of age and under. The legislation set the goal of adding 200 Mobile Crisis Support Teams (MCSTs) and 120 Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) beds as well as increasing Family Respite Care (FRC) services.

The Authority developed emergency regulations that were approved in November 2018 by the Office of Administrative Law, and the regulations became permanent in October 2019.

The Authority approved awards in two funding rounds totaling \$14,878,354.61 in MCST, CSU, CRT, and FRC capital funding for eleven counties (Contra Costa, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Riverside, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Tulare) and \$2,861,384.00 in MCST annual personnel funding for up to five years.

A total of \$24,459,669.02 in capital funding and \$1,138,616.00 in MCST personnel funding remained available for the third funding round, which opened on May 2, 2021, with an application submission deadline of October 29, 2021. The Authority received ten applications from eight counties and two non-profit organizations for a total grant amount request of \$68,287,504.25 in capital funding and \$1,160,522.00 in MCST personnel funding.

Evaluation Process

Each application received by the Authority was scored and ranked according to criteria defined in Section 7319 of the CY Grant Program's regulations by two analysts and reviewed by a grant review committee that consisted of Authority managers, staff, and the Authority's technical advisor, the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions. In accordance with the CY Grant Program regulations, Authority staff informed applicants of the outcomes of the review process in the form of Initial Allocation¹ letters. Five out of the ten applicants (Kings, Mendocino, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Tulare Counties) received Initial Allocations for a total of \$16,285,581.17 in one-time MCST, CSU, and CRT capital funding and \$161,055.00 in annual MCST personnel funding for up to five years for the approved projects. Annual personnel funding grant amounts subsequent to the initial amount granted are subject to availability of annual budget appropriations by the Legislature.

¹ Initial allocation is defined in regulations as, "the Grant amount the Authority staff recommends the Authority approve for final allocation ..." and final allocation is defined as "the grant amount approved by the Authority."

Five out of the ten applicants did not receive Initial Allocations: two of the applicants did not meet the applicant eligibility criteria, while the other three applicants did not meet the minimum scores required by the program. Additionally, Authority staff evaluated the costs of the projects in depth to ensure only reasonable, eligible costs were included in the Initial Allocations and that any reductions by the Authority would not jeopardize the completion of the projects.

If approved, the new projects would expand children and youth mental health crisis intervention services in five counties (Kings, Mendocino, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Tulare) by developing three CRT facilities with a combined total of 26 beds, two CSU facilities with a combined total of 16 beds, and one MCST consisting of one vehicle and two full-time equivalent personnel. Milestone conditions have been included in the grant resolutions to ensure that projects are on track to be open and operational prior to the end of the grant period. None of the applicants appealed their Initial Allocations to the Authority's Executive Director.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Authority approve a total of \$16,446,636.17 in Final Allocations. Further information on the third funding round applicants and Initial Allocations are provided in the attached Exhibit A "Third Funding Round - Summary of Recommendations for Award" and individual staff summaries and resolutions. Also, a summary of total awards made in the CY Grant Program thus far is provided in the attached Exhibit B "Summary of Total Awards by Region."

Next Steps

If the Initial Allocations are approved by the Authority's board, there will be approximately \$8.1 million in capital funding and approximately \$1 million in MCST personnel funding available for subsequent funding rounds. Authority staff plans to open a fourth funding round in spring 2022 with an application submission deadline of late summer/early fall 2022. The Authority will strive to attain the legislative goals of adding 200 MCTs and 120 CRT and CSU beds and, therefore, may prioritize funding mainly for MCST's in a future funding round.

To promote the fourth funding round, Authority staff plans to contact various associations, such as the County Behavioral Health Directors Association, California State Association of Counties, California Alliance of Child and Family Services, California Children's Hospital Association, Steinberg Institute, and Department of Health Care Services.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Third Funding Round – Summary of Recommendations for Award

Exhibit B: Summary of Total Awards by Region

**Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth
Third Funding Round - Summary of Recommendations for Award**

Resolution	County	Program	Beds	Teams	Capital Funding	Mobile Crisis Personnel Funding
CY 2022-01	Kings	Mobile Crisis Support Team		1	\$ 66,310.00	\$ 161,055.00
CY 2022-02	Mendocino	Crisis Residential Treatment	6		\$ 1,860,243.00	
CY 2022-03	Monterey	Crisis Residential Treatment	4		\$ 1,072,023.21	
		Crisis Stabilization	4		\$ 779,523.00	
CY 2022-04	Santa Cruz	Crisis Residential Treatment	16		\$ 7,597,706.36	
CY 2022-05	Tulare	Crisis Stabilization	12		\$ 4,909,775.60	
Total			42	1	\$ 16,285,581.17	\$ 161,055.00
Total Recommended:						\$ 16,446,636.17

**Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth
Summary of Total Awards by Region**

Bay Area Region								
Round*	County	Program	Capital Funding	Beds	Vehicles	Personnel Funding	Staff	Teams
1	Marin	MCST	\$ 52,600.00		1	\$ 294,884.00	2	1
1	Monterey	MCST	257,182.90		2	228,093.00	4	2
1	Santa Cruz	MCST	210,336.00		1	206,023.00	2	1
2	Contra Costa	CSU	2,322,571.56	6				
2	San Mateo	CSU	618,915.00	3				
2	Santa Cruz	MCST	211,442.00		1	367,531.00	3	1
3	Monterey	CRT, CSU	1,851,546.21	8				
3	Santa Cruz	CRT	7,597,706.36	16				
			\$ 13,122,300.03	33	5	\$ 1,096,531.00	11	5

Central Region								
Round*	County	Program	Capital Funding	Beds	Vehicles	Personnel Funding	Staff	Teams
1	Sacramento	MCST	\$ 210,205.00		2	\$ 591,660.00	8	2
2	Sacramento	FRC	2,950,000.00	1 facility to serve 960 families annually				
2	Tulare	MCST	29,934.00		1	464,851.00	4.25	2
3	Kings	MCST	66,310.00		1	161,055.00	2	1
3	Tulare	CSU	4,909,775.60	12				
			\$ 8,166,224.60	12	4	\$ 1,217,566.00	14.25	5

Superior Region								
Round*	County	Program	Capital Funding	Beds	Vehicles	Personnel Funding	Staff	Teams
2	Humboldt	CRT, CSU, MCST	\$ 4,944,161.00	12	1	\$ 160,160.00	2	1
3	Mendocino	CRT	1,860,243.00	6				
			\$ 6,804,404.00	18	1	\$ 160,160.00	2	1

Southern Region								
Round*	County	Program	Capital Funding	Beds	Vehicles	Personnel Funding	Staff	Teams
2	Los Angeles	CSU	\$ 2,953,847.15	12				
2	Riverside	MCST	73,160.00		2	\$ 321,647.00	4	2
2	San Luis Obispo	MCST	44,000.00		1	226,535.00	3.5	2
			\$ 3,071,007.15	12	3	\$ 548,182.00	7.5	4

Grand Totals	\$ 31,163,935.78	75	13	\$ 3,022,439.00	34.75	15
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* Third Funding Round information is based on approval of Initial Allocations presented at the Authority's February board meeting. Details are subject to change based on Final Allocation results.