

# **CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)**

## **INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### **Executive Summary Fourth Funding Round Final Allocation**

**December 1, 2022**

#### **Background**

The Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848.5) (SB 82) was amended by Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), to add the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (CY Grant Program) 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 adopted emergency regulations that were approved in November 2018 by the Office of Administrative Law, and the regulations became permanent in October 2019. In March 2022, OAL approved permanent regulations that require all grant applications be submitted through an online grant management platform.

The Authority approved awards in three funding rounds totaling \$31,163,935.78 in MCST, CSU, CRT, and FRC capital funding for 13 counties (Contra Costa, Humboldt, Kings, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Riverside, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Tulare) and \$3,022,439.00 in MCST annual personnel funding for up to five years.

A total of \$8,174,109.44 in capital funding and \$977,561.00 in MCST personnel funding remained available for the fourth funding round, which opened on March 17, 2022, with an application submission deadline of July 29, 2022. The Authority received three applications from three counties (Fresno, Merced, and Stanislaus) for a total grant amount request of \$1,117,958 in capital funding and \$2,031,817.00 in MCST personnel funding. There was a significant oversubscription of available MCST personnel funding.

#### **Evaluation Process**

Each application received by the Authority was scored and ranked according to criteria defined in California Code of Regulations, title 4, 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 Allocation<sup>1</sup> letters.

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<sup>1</sup> Initial allocation is defined in California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 7313(y) as, "the Grant amount the Authority staff recommends the Authority approve for Final Allocation ..." and final allocation is defined in California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 7313(q) as "the Grant amount approved by the Authority ..."

Two out of the three applicants (Fresno and Stanislaus) received Initial Allocations for a total of \$961,346.00 in one-time MCST capital funding and \$977,561.00 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 the availability of ongoing annual budget appropriations by the Legislature. Merced County did not receive an Initial Allocation because the application did not meet the minimum score required by the program.

Stanislaus County received an Initial Allocation in the amount of \$374,364 for capital funding and \$359,834 in annual personnel funding for up to five years after staff deemed some costs ineligible pursuant to the CY Grant Program regulations. Stanislaus County declined the Initial Allocation determining that it would not be able to sustain the MCST program with the awarded funding.

Fresno County received an Initial Allocation in the amount of \$586,982 in capital funding after staff deemed some costs ineligible pursuant to the CY Grant Program regulations and \$617,727 in annual personnel funding for up to five years. The awarded personnel funding reflected the totality of remaining available funding after the higher-scoring application was funded. Since Stanislaus County declined its Initial Allocation, staff was able to increase Fresno County's personnel funding to \$784,824, the entire eligible amount.

If approved, the new project would expand children and youth mental health crisis intervention services in Fresno County by developing eight MCSTs, consisting of eight vehicles and eight full-time equivalent personnel. Milestone conditions have been included in the grant resolution to ensure that the project is 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 final allocation of \$1,371,806.00 for Fresno County. Further information on the fourth funding round applicants and Initial Allocations are provided in the attached Exhibit A "Fourth Funding Round - Summary of Applications and Initial Allocations" and the one staff summary and resolution. 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 Final Allocation is approved by the Authority's board, there will be approximately \$7.6 million in capital funding and approximately \$192,737 in annual MCST personnel funding available for subsequent funding rounds. All remaining available funding for the CY Grant Program needs to be awarded by June 30, 2024, and disbursed by June 30, 2026. Authority staff plans to open a fifth funding round in 2023.

To promote the fifth 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: Fourth Funding Round – Summary of Applications and Initial Allocations

Exhibit B: Summary of Total Awards by Region

**Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth  
Fourth Funding Round – Summary of Applications and Initial Allocations**

County	Program	Teams	Funding Request		Initial Allocations		
			Capital	MCST Personnel	Capital	MCST Personnel	
Merced*	MCST	1	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 380,063.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Stanislaus**	MCST	2	469,964.00	674,193.00	374,364.00	359,834.00	
Fresno	MCST	8	644,194.00	977,561.00	586,982.00	784,824.00	
<b>Total Recommended:</b>					<b>\$</b>	<b>1,371,806.00</b>	

\* Merced County did not meet the minimum score required by the program.

\*\* Stanislaus County declined the award after receiving the Initial Allocation.

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

<b>Bay Area Region</b>								
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				
			<b>\$ 13,122,300.03</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,531.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Central Region</b>									
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					
4	Fresno	MCST	586,982.00		8	784,824.00	8	8	
			<b>\$ 8,753,206.60</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$ 2,002,390.00</b>	<b>22.25</b>	<b>13</b>	

<b>Superior Region</b>								
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				
			<b>\$ 6,804,404.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 160,160.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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**Summary of Total Awards by Region**  
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<b>Southern Region</b>								
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
			<b>\$ 3,071,007.15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 548,182.00</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>			<b>\$ 31,750,917.78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$ 3,807,263.00</b>	<b>42.75</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Fourth Funding Round information is based on approval of the Final Allocation presented at the Authority’s December 2022 board meeting. Details are subject to change based on Final Allocation results.