

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

Designated	County of Santa Cruz	Authority Meeting Date:	December 7, 2023
Lead	Behavioral Health Division	Resolution Number:	CY 2023-05
Grantee:	1400 Emeline Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Total Recommended Amount:	\$2,125,000.00

Counties to be Served: Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey

Project Title: Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit

Crisis Residential Treatment Program:

Crisis Stabilization Program: 8 new beds

Mobile Crisis Support Team Program:

Family Respite Care Program:

Summary of Project:

The County of Santa Cruz (County) plans to renovate an existing facility owned by the County to add a new eight-bed Crisis Stabilization (CS) program for Children and Youth ages five to 17. The CS program will provide both voluntary and non-voluntary holds assessments, psychiatric assessment and mental health care services that include clinical intervention to regulate and stabilize youth, medication assessment and administration, comprehensive care coordination, and safety planning for children and youth experiencing distress or a mental health crisis with particular focus on Latinx population. In addition, the CS program will be available to neighboring counties (Monterey and San Benito) in a multi-county collaborative effort to utilize capacity and create a regional resource. The County anticipates the CS program will serve 1,500 children and youth annually. Grant funds will be used to finance construction and renovation. Authority staff evaluated the County’s plan and has determined that the program is likely feasible and sustainable.

Summary of Amounts:

Program	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
Crisis Stabilization – Capital Funding	\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ 2,125,000.00 ¹

Legal Review:

No information was disclosed to question the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Authority approve Resolution CY 2023-05 for a Final Allocation in an amount not to exceed \$2,125,000.00 for the County of Santa Cruz, subject to the conditions in the resolution.

¹ The Authority has deemed it necessary to reduce the amount pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 7320(f) of the CY Grant Program regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. CY 2023-05

**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 (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848.5) to implement the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4 § 7313 et seq.) (“Children and Youth Program”) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to expand local resources for the development, capital, equipment acquisition, and applicable program startup or expansion costs to increase capacity for client assistance and services for children and youth 21 years of age and under; and

WHEREAS, The County of Santa Cruz (“Grantee”) qualifies as an eligible entity under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5848.5(f); and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the Grantee’s application against the eligibility requirements of the Children and Youth Program, and pursuant to the Children and Youth Program, recommends the approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,125,000.00 of one-time capital funding for the eligible project (the “Project”), as described in the Grantee’s application; and

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 a total amount not to exceed \$2,125,000.00 to the Grantee to complete the Project as described in the Children and Youth Program application and Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is here by incorporated by reference), by June 30, 2026, the end of the grant period. Within this grant period, Grantee shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating the Project shall be open and operational by December 31, 2025, and funding shall not be disbursed if the Grantee is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff. The Grantee shall submit all capital cost disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority by January 31, 2026.

Section 2. For and on behalf of the Authority, the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed to do all of the following:

(a) 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 that funding not be available for any reason whatsoever.

(b) Allocate funding not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee.

(c) Execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer of moneys that are consistent with the Children and Youth Program.

(d) Do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents that the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 3. All funding from this grant shall be used in support of the Grantee's crisis stabilization program for children and youth, as described in the Children and Youth Program application and Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall repeal on June 30, 2026.

Date Approved: _____

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

Crisis Stabilization

The Grantee will develop a new crisis stabilization program with at least eight new beds that will provide mental health services for children and youth ages 5-17. The Grantee may use the grant funding, consistent with California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 7315 of the Children and Youth Program regulations, to finance eligible costs in support of the Grantee's crisis stabilization program for children and youth.

Summary of Amount:

Program	Approved Grant Amount
Crisis Stabilization – Capital Funding	\$ 2,125,000.00