County of Fresno



DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SUSAN L. HOLT
DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PUBLIC GUARDIAN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 5, 2024

CONTACT: Brian Bishop Communication Coordinator (559) 600-6843

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH APPROVED TO APPLY FOR \$67 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE

Fresno, CA – Fresno County's Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is applying for a total of \$67,000,000 of state Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1 grant funding.

Under the recently approved California Proposition 1, over \$4 billion dollars in bond funding will be used for competitive Bond BHCIP grants focused on behavioral health treatment settings to help expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and service resources.

Fresno County is seeking to apply for \$67,000,000 of grant funding for three projects which will allow the County to meet increased demand.

The first proposed project is a psychiatric health facility (PHF) to support community needs and meet new statutory requirements related to the care of persons involuntarily detained who have severe substance use disorder and/or co-occurring mental health conditions. The PHF will add 16 inpatient beds.

Fresno County proposes to build a new 16 bed psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) that will expand the treatment continuum for young people and provide an intensive upstream approach to care for those with complex needs.

Finally, Fresno County intends to build a new treatment center to expand capacity and growth for outpatient care, including urgent care services with same-day drop-in services to provide additional care to individuals in need of services to prevent hospitalization and institutionalization. The treatment center will serve youth and adults and will be centrally located and accessible to Highway 180.

The applications for infrastructure investment are part of the County's strategy to reduce the impacts of untreated behavioral health conditions by expanding the continuum of care for individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders, including those who are unhoused.

For other information or questions, please contact dbhmedia@fresnocountyca.gov.