

# Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program County and Tribal Planning Grant RFA Informational Webinar

A joint effort by the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Department of Social Services

### **MEET OUR FACILITATOR**



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# **Submitting Questions**

 Submit your questions in the chat box (click the chat icon located on your control panel).

 Submit your questions in writing to: <u>BHCIP@dhcs.ca.gov</u> with the subject line "RFA Question."

Questions will be accepted through November 19, 2021.

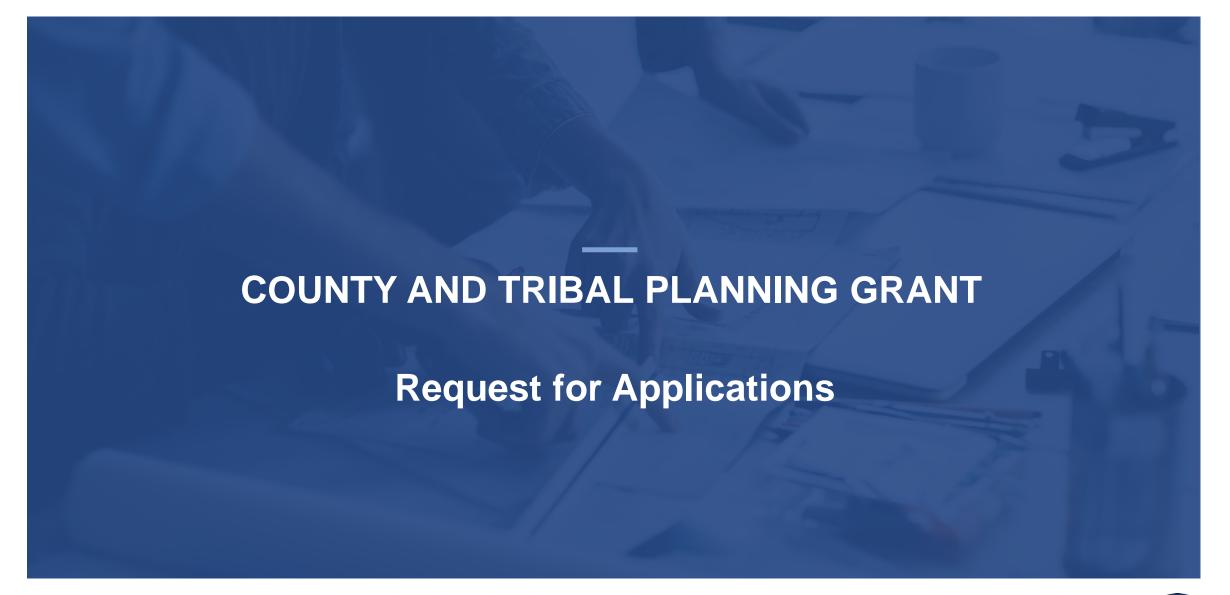


### **Welcoming Remarks**

Marlies Perez, Division Chief Department of Health Care Services









### California Infrastructure Investment

 California is making a significant investment in infrastructure by providing grants to qualified entities to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets.

 \$3 billion in infrastructure funding opportunities is available through the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) at DHCS and the Department of Social Services' Community Care Expansion (CCE) program.



# **Guiding Principles and Priorities**

- Invest in behavioral health and community care options that advance racial equity
- Seek geographic equity of behavioral health and community care options
- Address urgent gaps in the care continuum for people with behavioral health conditions, including children and youth, seniors, and adults with disabilities
- Increase options across the lifespan that serve as an alternative to incarceration, hospitalization, homelessness, and institutionalization



# **Guiding Principles and Priorities**

- Meet the needs of vulnerable populations with the greatest barriers to access, including people experiencing homelessness and justice involvement
- Ensure care can be provided in the least restrictive settings to support community integration, choice, and autonomy
- Leverage county and Medi-Cal investments to support sustainability
- Leverage the historic state investments in housing and homelessness



### Collaboration

DHCS and DSS are closely collaborating on the BHCIP and CCE infrastructure grants.

- Combined stakeholder meetings with counties and tribal entities
- Leveraging technical assistance (TA) resources
- Alignment on policy, when feasible
- Timing release of Launch Ready RFA and CCE RFA to support local efforts

Counties and tribal entities are strongly encouraged to utilize the Planning Grant to explore BHCIP and CCE opportunities.



### **BHCIP Overview**

- Passed in FY 2021-22 State budget
- \$2.2B total for BHCIP
- Amends Welfare and Institutions Code
- Provides grants for counties, tribal entities, non-profit and forprofit entities to build new or expand existing capacity in the continuum of public and private BH facilities
- Funding only for new or expanding infrastructure (brick and mortar) projects and not behavioral health services



### **BHCIP Overview**

- DHCS releasing Request for Applications (RFAs) for BHCIP through multiple rounds
- Rounds target various gaps in California's BH facility infrastructure
- Different entities able to apply in each round for specific projects to address identified infrastructure gaps
- Stakeholder engagement occurs throughout project



# **BH County and Tribal Planning Grant RFA**

- DHCS is issuing planning grants through this Request for Applications (RFA) for county BH agencies and tribal entities to initiate and support planning efforts in their communities.
- Grants will be for up to \$150,000.
- BHCIP is seeking applicants who can successfully demonstrate an ability and intent to convene and engage with community stakeholders and system delivery partners who will assist in the planning process to address gaps in BH services on a county, tribal, and/or regional basis.
- Grants are not competitive.



# **Eligibility**

- Applications accepted only from California county BH agencies and tribal entities
- Tribal entities include Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, federally recognized Tribal 638s, and urban clinics
- May apply with like entities, using a regional model
- If applying as a regional model, each eligible entity in the regional model is eligible for up to \$150,000. However, one lead for the regional model would need to be identified.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control qualify to apply for individual planning grants.



# Scope of Work - Action Plan

#### Grantees are to:

- create an action plan with goals, objectives, and strategies for building BH facility capacity; and
- review and prioritize local needs in alignment with the State, drawing from new or existing needs assessment data.

The action plan is to identify and prioritize potential strategies and action steps to fill identified gaps, in preparation for applying for additional DHCS and DSS infrastructure funding opportunities listed in the <u>RFA</u> (Attachment A).



# **Eligible Planning Costs**

### Costs allowed as part of this planning grant:

- Costs for staff or consultants to convene planning meetings, draft plan materials, conduct background research and infrastructure needs assessment(s), develop educational and outreach materials to assist with engaging stakeholders
- Supplies and materials
- Meeting costs to support plan development
- Travel or other costs to support stakeholder participation



### **Minimum Plan Elements**

The action plan must include, at minimum:

- Identification of a project director/lead
- An overall description of the applicant's goals, time-oriented objectives, and strategies
- A description of the priority BHCIP and CCE infrastructure project(s) pursued, and possible funding round(s)
- An outline of partnerships for implementation of the action plan



### **Minimum Plan Elements**

- A description of the infrastructure gaps and challenges or barriers to providing BH services and proposed strategies and solutions to address them utilizing DHCS's Needs Assessment and other local information and data that illustrates or documents gaps and needs in the BH care continuum
- A staffing plan, with priority strategies focusing on recruiting and retaining diverse and multicultural staff, including those who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)
- Required resources to undertake implementation of the action plan and steps to secure those resources



## **Pre-Development Activities**

Grantees are encouraged to use for pre-development activities any funds remaining from the planning grant after completion of the action plan. Potential uses might include:

- Identification of development sites or buildings for rehab or expansion
- Identification of potential developers
- Land/site development
- Addressing local siting challenges
- Community and provider engagement meetings
- Feasibility studies and legal and accounting fees



### **Application questions**

- Have you identified a project director? Provide the name, organization, and contact information of the lead organization and individual point of contact.
- 2. Have you conducted a county or tribal infrastructure needs assessment? If so, please describe. If not, please describe what data will be used to inform the planning process.
- 3. What do you know about your BH infrastructure goals and priorities now? Please briefly describe them.
- 4. What are your anticipated planning activities? Who are your stakeholders and potential delivery partners, and how will you involve them? Please briefly describe.



# **Application questions**

- 5. How are you thinking of connecting BHCIP with CCE opportunities at the local level?
- 6. What pre-development or other activities do you hope to complete as part of this planning grant?
- 7. Are you applying as a single entity or regionally? If regionally, please describe the partnership.
- 8. Do you envision using any specific subcontractors or consultants? If so, please describe their role(s).

Questions are included in both the RFA and the online application.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### Friday, November 19, 2021

Questions due no later than **5:00 p.m. PT**<u>BHCIP@dhcs.ca.gov</u>

- Tuesday, November 30, 2021
  Completed application and budget due no later than 5:00 p.m. PT
- December 2021
  Award announcements
- January 3-December 31, 2022
  Project period





# How to apply

All fully completed applications by a county BH agency or tribal entity, along with a budget, will be considered for funding. All awardees must meet all federal and state funding restrictions, reporting, and compliance requirements as determined by DHCS.

- Visit <a href="https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/apply">https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/apply</a>
- The complete RFA is available at <u>https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/11/BHCIP\_Round2\_PlanningGrantRFA\_110121.pdf</u>
- The online application and budget are at <a href="https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6590993/Behavioral-Health-County-and-Tribal-Planning-Grant-Application">https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6590993/Behavioral-Health-County-and-Tribal-Planning-Grant-Application</a>

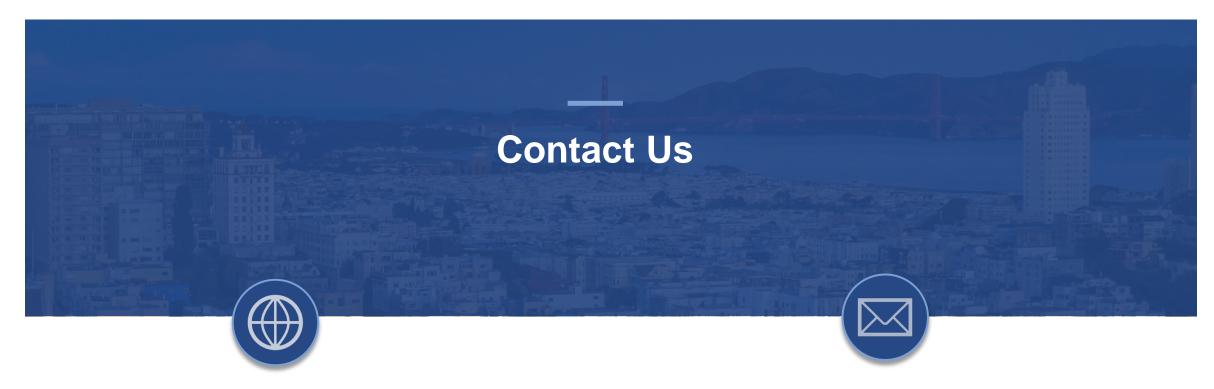


#### **APPLICATION OR GRANT-RELATED QUESTIONS?**



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