



**California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA**

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## **State Treasurer Fiona Ma Allocates \$11 million in Mental Health Wellness Grants for Children and Youth to 5 Counties**

**SACRAMENTO** – State Treasurer Fiona Ma today announced the approval of more than \$11 million in allocations for five mental health grants intended to help California counties provide crisis services for children and youth. The Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 was expanded in 2016 to establish the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (CY Grant Program) with more than \$40 million allocated to the program.

The CY Grant Program is administered by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) and aims to specifically address and enhance a continuum of crisis services for children and youth aged 21 and under, with a focus on enabling Mobile Crisis Support Teams (MCSTs), Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs), and Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) beds. Treasurer Ma serves as chair of CHFFA.

“Counties and local services agencies are on the front lines of the mental health crisis in California communities,” commented Treasurer Ma. “These grants enable critical resources and personnel to help our most vulnerable citizens – children and youth. I commend the CHFFA team for quickly distributing these funds to the most qualified applicants.”

The allocation awards complete the fifth and final funding round of allocations and includes Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. More than \$10.8 million was allocated to capital projects and nearly \$200,000 for personnel funding.

The approved projects will expand mental health crisis services and develop or expand three CRT facilities, four CSU facilities, and four MCSTs. In total, 23 CY Grant Program awards were made and are expanding and providing much needed mental health services to the vulnerable children and youth of our communities, with \$39 million allocated for capital projects and \$4 million for personnel funding. CHFFA works closely with grant awardees to ensure projects are on track and funding is fully utilized.

To learn more about CHFFA and the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth, visit: [www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/imhwa](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/imhwa).

Details of the [fifth funding round](#) can be found in Exhibit A, while a summary of all CY Grant Program awards by region is provided in Exhibit B.

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*Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was first elected on November 6, 2018, with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history and reelected on November 8, 2022. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer's Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world's fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker. Presently, her office processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions. She provides transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state's surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio that currently averages over \$200 billion—a significant portion of which is beneficially owned by more than 2,200 local governments in California. She serves as agent of sale for all State bonds and is trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness.*

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