

Health & Human Services Department Proposed Budget Overview

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Fiscal Year

2022

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Key Services

Our Goals

- People have the culturally competent health care and social supports they need to be healthy.
- Behavioral health services citywide have the capacity to prevent and reduce mental illness, substance misuse and trauma.
- The Health Department prevents the spread of communicable diseases in Long Beach.
- People engage in healthy behaviors and have access to healthy foods as well as safe, and affordable opportunities for physical activity.



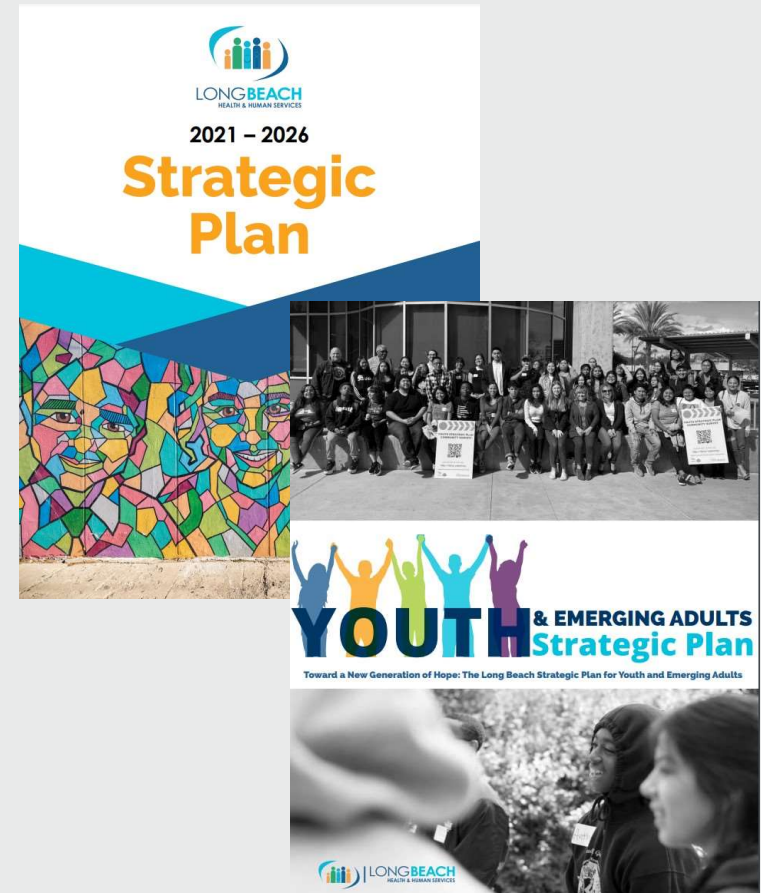
Key Services

- Permanent housing for people in Long Beach who are precariously housed or experiencing.
- Social and economic conditions are improved for people in Long Beach across their lifespans.
- Preventable deaths and injuries are reduced.
- Communities are safe from violence.
- People live in safe environments and are prepared for emergencies.
- The Department workforce is strong, resilient and valued
- Policies, programs and investments are centered around equity and trauma.



Accomplishments

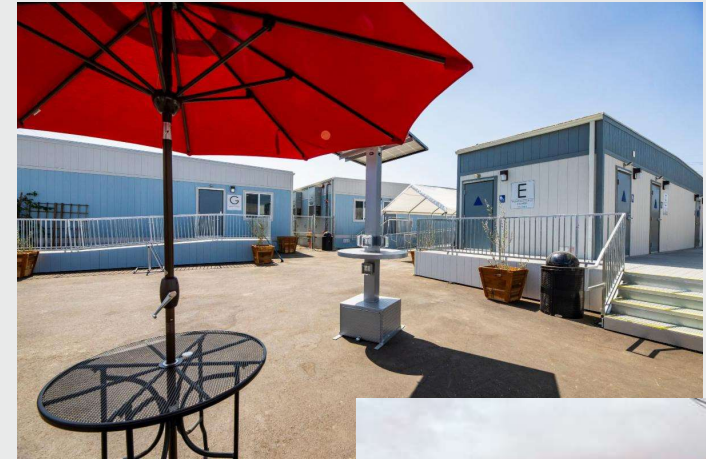
- Launched the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan.
- Launched an internal Integrated System of Care intake and referral system as well as Unite Us, an external resource and referral system for community-based organizations.
- Launched the Strategic Plan for Youth and Emerging Adults and the Office of Youth Development.
- Maintained and expanded services in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic including:
 - HIV and STD medical visits
 - Syphilis investigations
 - Women Infant and Children's Program and Black Infant Health
 - Medi-Cal outreach and assistance
 - Older adult case management and service referrals
 - Health education and activities
 - GreenlightLB distracted driving program
 - Food facility inspections, water testing, vector services and hazardous waste response



Accomplishments

Homelessness

- Opened the 125-bed Atlantic Bridge Housing Community
- Purchased and opened the 102-bed Project Homekey Interim Housing site
- Opened the 47 bed Project Homekey at the Days Inn
- Implemented the REACH Program, integrating physical and mental health into outreach teams
- In collaboration with the City Prosecutor's Office, implemented a new Homeless Court at the Multi-Service Center
- Received 583 new Housing Authority Vouchers for people experiencing homelessness
- Housing 6,900 households through Housing Choice Vouchers.



Accomplishments

Through CARES Act, Health funded:

- 11,359 grocery boxes, 74,260 prepared meals and thousands of pounds of food at food distribution sites
- Emergency supplies to 17,344 children, 3,000 developmental kits, 1,950 physical activity kits and 34,560 hours of subsidized ECE care
- A mental health awareness campaign
- \$1 million in relief funding, health education and COVID care packages for Black serving organizations and mental health therapy for under/un-insured Black residents.
- More than \$1 million in services to Latino/Latinx community members, including health education and outreach, linkage to services, early child supports and food distribution.
- Services for more than 21,000 older adults through the LB Resource line, food distribution, transportation to appointments, care kits, and case management



Accomplishments

Through CARES Act, Health funded:

- Peer navigation and supports to 2,994 youth (ages 10-24)
- Remediation of 65 properties for hazards that exacerbate COVID-19
- Direct services and shelter to 484 survivors of domestic violence
- 102 local non-profits for operations support



Accomplishments

COVID-19 (to date)

- 840,000 COVID tests and 359,000 vaccines administered
- Interviewed 24,800 COVID cases; controlled outbreaks in 76 business and 120 long-term/acute healthcare facilities
- Provided 450 community-based vaccine clinics
- Opened a permanent distribution site for personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical countermeasures
- Established the LB Resource Line and responded to more than 4,200 calls for older adult and vulnerable populations
- Established the COVID Vaccine Info Line and responded to more than 26,600 calls and 59,700 emails
- Partnered with the Vendor Task Force to educate 22,000 businesses; responded to 600 COVID-19 complaints



FY 22 Focus

- Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic Response
- Strengthening Health Department human, technological and building infrastructure
- Through the Long Beach Recovery Act
 - Youth Development
 - Violence Prevention
 - Basic Needs, Food Insecurity, Housing Supports
 - Mental Health and Trauma
 - Early Childhood and Older Adult services and supports
 - Homelessness Housing and Supports
- Through Measure US
 - Youth investments (Youth Fund) and programs
 - Older Adult Coordinator (1/2 FTE)
 - Grant writing and data



FY 22 Focus

- Building a strong Health Equity program with and for the diverse communities of our City
 - Hiring coordinators for Latino/Latinx Equity, Black Health Equity, Cambodian Health Equity, Filipino Health Equity, and Vaccine Equity
 - Engaging community members and designing integrated community approaches to health and wellness
 - Planning and investing in Mi Vida Cuenta
 - Investing in Black Health Equity Collaborative partnerships and services
 - Strengthening the capacity and service bench to ensure inclusion of Latino, Black, Cambodian, Filipino and other community expertise.
 - Launching a Multicultural Health Council



Challenges

- Sustainability of funding
 - LBRA, ELC, CDC, Violence Prevention are 2–3-year opportunities
 - Ongoing Public Health funding is not yet available and demands have, and continue, to increase
 - New funding cannot be utilized for public health programs outside scope of funding. Programs such as HIV/STD services and surveillance, chronic disease prevention, and others remain underfunded.
 - \$11 million fund balance depleted in early COVID-19 response; unsure of portion to be reimbursed by FEMA and not backfilled by LBRA.
- Capacity to move as quickly as expected
- Hiring and maintaining staffing to meet all new funding
- Meeting the increasing social and health needs among our lowest-income communities in the ongoing pandemic

Opportunities

- LBRA and other funding sources allowing for increased services and supports to our community
- 250 new staff members funded (most time-limited) to support COVID response, community need, and homelessness
- Enhanced community and multi-department partnerships and collaboration
- Significantly enhanced State homeless funding for services and housing expansion
- Resource and referral platforms allow for better understanding of service availability, connecting people to services and data tracking
- Increasing focus on mental health and access to care

Questions

