



BCHD Receives \$1.13 million in State Funding for Pandemic Efforts

Health District receives money for fiscal relief due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (January 25, 2022) – Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) announced it received \$1.13 million in funding to cover unanticipated costs and loss of revenue associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funding was made available from a \$100 million allocation provided by the State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom in the 2021-2022 State Budget.

“This funding from the State validates all the work and long hours put in by our team over the last two years to provide testing, vaccines, information and services to the Beach Cities community during this pandemic,” said Tom Bakaly, CEO for BCHD. “On behalf of our employees and volunteers, I would like to thank the governor and his staff for helping organizations throughout the state prioritize public health to keep our residents safe. We’re extremely grateful for this support.”

This funding arrives after special districts across California experienced budget and staff cuts necessitated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout 2020 and 2021, California’s special districts provided essential services to their local communities, maintained a large portion of the state’s critical infrastructure, and employed thousands of front-line workers, but initially received none of the COVID-19 relief funding available to cities and counties.

Since the start of the pandemic in early 2020, BCHD has provided more than 155,000 COVID-19 tests and supported 74 vaccine clinics with more than 23,100 vaccine doses administered. BCHD continued to support the community by completing 2,616 errands for residents and delivering 4,712 meals for those who remained “safer at home” during the 2020-21 fiscal year. More than 500 BCHD volunteers participated in these service activities for Beach Cities residents.

“Special districts are addressing our biggest statewide challenges, all at the local level,” said Neil McCormick, CEO of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). We applaud Governor Newsom and our Legislature for recognizing this and responding to our requests for partnership. Special districts make a difference throughout California and this funding will make a difference in the communities special districts serve.”

Statewide, more than 2,000 independent special districts across the state serve the needs of all 40 million Californians at some level, and more than 60 percent of these local agencies provide specialized services to a disadvantaged community.

BCHD's budgetary practices are available to the public online and the budget is reviewed by the District's resident advisory Finance Committee and discussed at public Board meetings. An [annual report](#) with an overview is also mailed to Beach Cities households each year.

About Beach Cities Health District

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is a healthcare district focused on preventative health and serves the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Established in 1955 as a public agency, it offers an extensive range of dynamic health and wellness programs, with innovative services and facilities to promote health and prevent diseases across the lifespan. BCHD also operates AdventurePlex, a health and fitness facility where kids play their way to good health, and the Center for Health & Fitness, a comprehensive fitness center that is the only Medical Fitness Association-certified facility in California. BCHD was named the 2021 "Special District of the Year" by the Association of California Healthcare Districts. Visit www.bchd.org or call (310) 374-3426 for more information.

About California Special Districts Association

The California Special Districts Association is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association representing more than 2,000 independent special districts that provide water, sanitation, fire protection, park and recreation, healthcare, electricity, port and harbor, resource conservation, library, cemetery, and other specialized community services throughout California.

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