



**Beach Cities Health District Seeks Partners to Deliver Programs and Services within its allcove
Beach Cities Center in Redondo Beach**

***The new center will bring community partners together to serve the health needs
of young people ages 12-25***

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (May 12, 2022) – Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for partners to deliver programs and services within its allcove Beach Cities center.

In March, BCHD announced its partnership with allcove, a program developing an innovative network of integrated youth mental health centers across the state of California. Funded by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the \$2 million, 4-year grant will establish “allcove Beach Cities,” a youth wellness center initially opening this fall at BCHD, 514 N. Prospect Ave., 4th floor, in Redondo Beach. allcove Beach Cities will offer mental and physical health services, supported education and employment, peer and family support, and substance use prevention programs for young people ages 12-25 in the greater South Bay. BCHD was endorsed by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to apply for the funds.

Additional funding for the center includes \$1 million from Congress that is part of the \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending package President Biden signed into law in March 2022. Congressman Ted Lieu requested and championed funding for allcove Beach Cities and nine other community projects to serve California’s 33rd Congressional District.

Partners responding to the RFQ must be able to adhere to the model’s core services in the areas of:

- 1) mental health
- 2) physical health
- 3) substance use
- 4) supported education and employment
- 5) peer support
- 6) family support

Partners should have experience with providing services to populations who represent the diversity of the Beach Cities and surrounding communities across race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, lived experience, ability and socio-economic status in addition to working with marginalized groups in the community including transitional-aged youth, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, juvenile justice involved youth, foster youth and undocumented young people. The RFQ can be accessed online at bchd.org/allcovebeachcities. Qualifications are due by June 3, 2022 by 5 p.m.

“Together with our partners, we’re taking a collaborative approach to support youth mental health in our community,” said Beach Cities Health District CEO Tom Bakaly. “Our goal is to help local students and young adults thrive physically and mentally. I encourage local providers to join us in our fight for a healthy future for our youth.”

When it opens later this year, the center will be in a temporary location on the BCHD campus. However, allcove Beach Cities will be a permanent feature in phase one of BCHD’s Healthy Living Campus project, which includes a re-design of its current Prospect Avenue campus. Construction on the Healthy Living Campus project is tentatively slated to begin in 2023.

For more information about allcove Beach Cities and the RFQ, please visit bchd.org/allcoveBeachCities. Once allcove Beach Cities opens its doors, young people will be able to find more information about accessing services at allcove.org.

About Beach Cities Health District

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD), the 2021 Association of California Healthcare Districts’ “District of the Year,” is a healthcare district focused on preventive 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. Visit www.bchd.org or call (310) 374-3426 for more information.

About allcove

Pursuing a vision where every youth belongs, chooses the support they need and thrives, allcove is developing an innovative network of integrated youth mental health centers designed with, by and for youth that reduce stigma, embrace mental wellness, increase community connection and provide access to culturally responsive services. allcove centers are anchored in a model of care that considers the holistic needs of young people. We welcome young people between the ages of 12 and 25, providing a place to take a moment of pause and access a range of services that include mental health, physical health, substance use, peer support, family support, and supported education and employment. allcove centers are designed to create

meaningful, positive experiences for every young person who comes through our doors. For more information, please visit allcove.org.