



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

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California Counties Encouraged to Apply for Mental Health Wellness Grants

Application Deadline is Fast Approaching

SACRAMENTO – California State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced today the availability of \$27.3 million in mental health wellness grants for children and youth. This competitive grant program funds facility acquisition, construction and/or renovation, equipment acquisition, and applicable program startup or expansion costs for crisis residential treatment facilities, crisis stabilization facilities, mobile crisis support teams, and family respite care.

“There is no better investment we can make today than in the next generation of adults who will be the workers, parents, leaders, and caretakers of the world,” Treasurer Ma said.

The deadline for counties to apply for grants is Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Non-profit corporations also are encouraged to contact their counties to apply jointly.

The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), chaired by Treasurer Ma, will distribute the funds through the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (“CY Grant Program”).

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, expanded the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth, 21 years of age and under. The competitive grant program was established under SB 833.

“It is imperative that we provide a complete menu of crisis services for children and youth 21 years of age and under regardless of where they live in the state,” said Treasurer Ma. “To this end, it is my goal that this program fulfill its legislative objectives to add at least 120 crisis stabilization and crisis residential treatment beds, 200 mobile crisis support teams, and to expand family respite care. I encourage California counties to submit applications for CY Grant Program funding.”

CHFFA adopted emergency regulations for the CY Grant Program that became effective November 26, 2018. For more information or to submit an application, please visit [CHFFA's website](#).

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected November 6, 2018 with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant elected to the position. California is the world's fifth-largest economy and Fiona serves as its head banker, providing transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts as well as managing the state's \$92 billion in financial assets. The Treasurer's Office provides financing for our schools, roads, housing, levees, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of all Californians. The Treasurer's Office manages cash receipts for the state and bond issuances and oversees programs that fund schools, hospitals, affordable housing, and small businesses. Our three savings programs help individuals with disabilities, save for college, and fund private-employee retirement plans.

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