



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

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Treasurer Fiona Ma Announces Funds to Expand Mental Health Services for Youth

SACRAMENTO – California State Treasurer Fiona Ma today announced that over \$2 million in grants has been awarded to Marin, Monterey, Sacramento, and Santa Cruz counties to provide critical new mental health services and equipment for children and youth.

The grants were awarded by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), which is chaired by Treasurer Ma. They will fund six new mobile crisis support teams and 16 new mental health professionals who evaluate whether people present a danger to themselves or to others.

“We are supplying tools and resources for youth treatment and providing a path towards healing and recovery,” said Treasurer Ma.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that 20 percent of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition, 11 percent of youth have a mood disorder, 10 percent of youth have a behavioral or conduct disorder, and 8 percent of youth have an anxiety disorder. In addition, the California Health Care Foundation reports that 8.2 percent of California high school students have attempted suicide while only 1.9 percent were treated by a doctor or nurse for this suicide attempt.

Here is a description of the grants:

- **Sacramento County**, received \$802,000 to add two mobile crisis support teams, which includes buying two vehicles and hiring eight new staff members.
- **Marin County**, received \$347,000 to add one mobile crisis support team, which includes buying a vehicle and hiring two staff members.
- **Monterey County**, received \$485,000 to add two mobile crisis support teams, which includes buying two vehicles and hiring four staff members.

- **Santa Cruz County**, received \$416,000 to add one mobile crisis support team, which includes buying one vehicle and hiring two staff members.

The grants were authorized by the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth. This program was authorized by Senate Bill 833 (Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016, Section 20), which expanded the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (SB 82, Steinberg) to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth, 21 years of age and under.

For more information regarding the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth or other grant funding opportunities, please visit [CHFPA's website](#).

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on 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 (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. Her office processes more than \$2 trillion in payments within a typical year. 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 of more than \$96.9 billion, approximately \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent for sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on over \$100 billion of outstanding debt.

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