

FACT SHEET on Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program



ROUND 1 (2024): LAUNCH READY

Department of Health Care Services

This guidance is for the first round of Proposition 1 Bond construction funding.

- These funds are for the purpose of building local behavioral health outpatient treatment slots, beds (residential/inpatient), and/or community campuses that fill a gap in the local or regional behavioral health continuum of care.
- The grant program is modeled after the current Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP), which provided 5 rounds of funding in 2021-2023 to cities, counties, tribal entities, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations.
- This grant funding is referred to as "Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready."

The funding round will total **up to \$3.3 billion**, making 75% of the Bond BHCIP funds for the behavioral health treatment facilities available to communities as soon as possible.

- Up to \$1.5 billion open <u>only</u> to counties, cities, and tribal entities. These funds will be awarded competitively.
- Up to \$1.8 billion open to counties, cities, and tribal entities, as well as nonprofit and for-profit organizations. These funds will be awarded competitively, within an allocation set for each region to ensure geographic equity.
- \$30 million is the minimum to be competitively awarded to tribal entities, across all Bond BHCIP funds.

A Request for Application (RFA) for this round will be posted Summer 2024.

• Applications will be due Fall 2024 and awarded in early 2025.

Key requirements for all applicants include:

- All applications must be based on local behavioral health needs data, community engagement, and regional collaboration.
- All applicants must be supported by the county behavioral health director where the project is located.

- All applicants must make a commitment to serve people with health insurance through Medi-Cal.
- All applicants must meet match guidelines set according to the applicant entity type.

State investments in local behavioral health treatment facilities are already having an impact:

- In 2021, the state launched the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program and awarded grant funding for Rounds 1 through 5 in 2021-2023.
- You can see the BHCIP dashboard for all awards by county, facility type, and regional funding amount at the <u>BHCIP Data Dashboard</u>. Highlights include:
 - 130 behavioral health treatment projects in 38 counties have received state funds for behavioral health facility construction
 - 2,601 inpatient and residential beds funded statewide
 - 281,146 total individuals can be served in outpatient settings statewide
- The first two behavioral health treatment facilities funded by BHCIP opened in April 2024 in Nevada and Los Angeles Counties and are offering behavioral health services.

What's next?

- Other Proposition 1 bond construction funding (up to \$2 billion) will be available to build permanent supportive housing (PSH) for veterans and others that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and that have mental health or substance use challenges. Guidance for Proposition 1 Bond PSH will be made available by late 2024 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in partnership with the California Department of Veterans Affairs.
- The second and final round of Proposition 1 Bond funding for behavioral health treatment sites (\$800+ million), Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs, will be made available in mid-2025 from DHCS and competitively open to all applicants. All Bond funds will be awarded and put to work in communities no later than 2026.