



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (4/8/22)**

### **The Committee's Next Policy Hearing**

WHEN: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: State Capitol, Room 444

### **Sacramento's Latest Shooting Tells Sad Truth: Mass Shootings Have Become White Noise**

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) eleven people were wounded and one killed after a concert in Dallas. Five more people were hurt when they were shot on a rural road in South Carolina. Sunday's horrific melee in Sacramento was just one of three mass shootings in the United States over the weekend — evidence, some experts believe, that extreme cases of gun violence are becoming so routine that they almost fade into the background.

“We only hear about some of these shootings,” said James Densley, a criminal justice professor in Minnesota who runs a mass-shooting database called The Violence Project. “It kind of breaks my heart to have to say that.”

The worst mass shooting in Sacramento history left six people dead and 12 wounded, generating the kind of instant ritual that almost invariably accompanies mass shootings in America. Gun-control advocates, including President Joe Biden, demand stricter gun laws. Gun-rights advocates warned against a rush to judgment and said policymakers should focus on other contributions to violence, such as mental health or socioeconomic factors.

Densley said certain types of shootings tend to stick in the public's memory longer, such as those involving children or people who clearly were targeted because of their ethnicity or religion.

Others are more likely to recede from the public's consciousness, said Densley, who teaches at Metro State University in Minnesota. “Some of these have become white noise, particularly if it occurs in communities of color,” he said. “You barely hear about them anymore.”

To read more on the shooting that took place in Sacramento on Sunday, as well as how various leaders and experts hope to move forward, [view the full article](#).

### **'Can't Rule it Out': Sacramento Police Investigate Street Gang Ties to Mass Shooting**

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) detectives on Tuesday were looking into the possibility that street gangs were involved in the mass shooting in downtown Sacramento that killed six people and injured 12 others over the weekend.

“I can’t confirm that gangs have been involved, but we also can’t rule it out.” said Sacramento Police Department spokesman Sgt. Zach Eaton told The Sacramento Bee. “That’s a motive question, we’re definitely looking at motive. In a lot of investigations, sometimes motive is one of the aspects of the investigation that takes a little while to figure out.”

Eaton said detectives are looking “closely” at the possibility gangs were involved in the shooting, but investigators are still working to establish facts in the case that will lead them to identify the motive behind the shooting.

But court documents in Sacramento County describe one suspect arrested in the shooting’s wake — Daviyonne Dawson — as a “validated” gang member, meaning he was known to law enforcement.

The Police Department on Tuesday afternoon announced [the third arrest made in connection with the mass shooting investigation.](#)

Dawson, 31, who was arrested late Monday, was announced as the third person to be arrested Tuesday, though police said he wasn’t a suspect in the shooting itself. After the shooting unfolded, police say they arrested Dawson on suspicion of possessing a firearm despite being prohibited from having one.

Dawson on Tuesday did not face any criminal charges “directly related” to Sunday’s melee, police said, and detectives do not believe the gun recovered during his arrest was used in the shooting. But detectives continued their investigation to identify additional suspects.

Dawson has since been released from the Sacramento County Main Jail after posting a \$500,000 bail bond. Police said detectives identified Dawson as a man who was spotted carrying a gun in the “immediate aftermath of the shooting.”

Eaton said detectives know of at least two shooters and are looking into the possibility there were more than two shooters that opened fire that night.

The two other men arrested in connection with this shooting investigation were brothers Smiley Martin, 27, and [Dandrae Martin](#), 26, who each face a charge of possessing a gun by a prohibited person. [Smiley Martin faces an additional charge of possessing a machine gun.](#) Eaton said detectives were trying to determine what relationship Dawson might have had with anyone at the scene.

Officers found at the shooting scene a stolen handgun that was converted to an automatic weapon, which is considered a machine gun. Eaton said investigators believe Smiley Martin was in possession of that fully automatic gun. He has been placed in police custody as he receives hospital treatment for injuries suffered during the shooting.

The Police Department has not released any further details about the guns believed to have been used in the shooting. To read more on this incident and how investigators are working to fully solve this case, [visit the full article.](#)

### **Sacramento Shooting Suspects Both Recently Released From Prison, Already Sparking Debate about Sentencing**

[The SFist reports](#) the two brothers who are so far the only suspects in Sunday's mass shooting in downtown Sacramento were both multiply convicted felons who had been released from prison

in the last two years. The older brother, Smiley Martin, was allegedly seen in a live Facebook video brandishing a weapon in the hours before the shooting, and the DA's office is already pointing to their vehement opposition to his recent release.

One of the dozen people injured in the melee was 27-year-old Smiley Martin, who remains hospitalized but who will be booked on charges of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and possession of a machine gun as soon as his condition improves. His brother, 26-year-old Dandrae Martin, was [booked early Monday](#) as a "related suspect" on charges of assault with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. Neither man has yet been charged with the deaths of any of the six people killed.

Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said in a statement, "The investigation is highly complex involving many witnesses, videos of numerous types and significant physical evidence. This is an ongoing investigation and we anticipate more arrests in this case." After putting out a call to the public for videos of the events of Sunday morning, Schubert's office reportedly received over 100 videos from witnesses.

As [the Associated Press reports](#), via an anonymous law enforcement tip, Smiley Martin has posted a live video of himself on Facebook on Saturday showing off one of his weapons. It's not clear if that was one of the weapons used in the shooting, or the weapon that investigators found at the scene on Sunday morning. The gun found at the scene was reportedly connected to Martin, and was a handgun that had been converted into an automatic weapon.

Schubert, who is running as an independent for California Attorney General, is making noise about the fact that Smiley Martin was one of thousands of inmates recently granted early release under a rule change by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

As the [Sacramento Bee reports](#), someone from Schubert's office, in fact, had written a letter specifically opposing Martin's early release from a 10-year domestic violence sentence. Martin received the sentence in January 2018, and it appears he was released from prison in 2021.

"Inmate Martin's criminal conduct is violent and lengthy," Deputy District Attorney Danielle Abildgaard wrote in a two-page letter to the Parole Board dated April 29, 2021 in which she detailed Martin's multiple crimes and stints in jail since turning 18. "As shown by Inmate Martin's pattern of conduct, he is an assaultive and non-compliant individual and has absolutely no regard for his victims who are left in the wake of numerous serious offenses. He has no respect for others, for law enforcement or for the law. If he is released early, he will continue to break the law."

It seems that both Martin brothers have histories of pimping and/or forcing women into prostitution. Dandrae Martin, similarly, was released from jail in Arizona in 2020 after serving one and a half years on a probation violation. To read more on the suspects and their history of crime, [visit the full article](#).

### **Coronavirus Cases are Rising Again in L.A., San Diego, and San Francisco**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) coronavirus cases have begun to rise in Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco counties, likely a result of the highly contagious Omicron subvariant BA.2, decreased use of masks and waning immunity.

The increases are modest, and it is unclear whether this is a brief hiccup, the beginning of a larger wave of cases, or something in between.

L.A. County has also observed an uptick in coronavirus outbreaks at K-12 schools: there were 10 last week – the most in a single week since mid-February – versus four the previous week.

The trends in some of California’s most populous areas echo what has been seen in parts of the East Coast, where a small wave has begun in New York and Massachusetts. BA.2 – which became dominant faster in the Northeast than on the West Coast – now comprises an estimated 72% of new weekly cases in the U.S., up from 57% the previous week.

While BA.2 accounts for 75% of cases in New England, New York and New Jersey, it accounts for 61% along the West Coast. Globally, 86% of new coronavirus cases over the past month were due to BA.2, according to the World Health Organization.

BA.2 is considered to be 30% to 60% more contagious than the earlier Omicron subvariant, BA.1.

“I’m not so sure that what’s going to happen here in the United States as BA.2 becomes the dominant sublineage is all basically going to be doom and gloom,” UC San Francisco epidemiologist Dr. George Rutherford said. “There are good examples from Western Europe, where case rates have fallen in the face of the BA.2 outbreak.”

Other experts have expressed optimism about the latest data. The fact that BA.2’s dominance nationally has not caused a dramatic increase in cases is “encouraging,” Dr. Eric Topol, director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in La Jolla, [tweeted](#), although he cautioned that it’s still early in the subvariant’s rise.

To read more opinions from experts on where they expect to see the U.S. go from here, as well as data from various parts of the state, [visit the full article](#).

### **San Francisco has the Highest COVID Rate in California – Here’s Why**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) San Francisco now has the highest coronavirus infection rate in California, followed closely by several other Bay Area counties where COVID-19 downward trends have stalled as the highly transmissible BA.2 subvariant extends its dominance.

The Bay Area is reporting about 700 new cases a day across its nine counties, still reflecting its steep drop since the winter surge that saw a peak of more than 18,000 new daily cases. But the number remains much higher than the 200 reported during last year’s summer lull before the delta variant of the virus took hold.

It is not yet clear how big an impact on trends and illnesses might flow from BA.2, the omicron subvariant that [federal data](#) shows now fueling 3 out of 4 COVID cases in the western region of the United States.

San Francisco reported a 7-day average of 14 cases per 100,000 residents as of Tuesday, marking a 56% increase in infections over the past month. By comparison, Los Angeles County reported 9 cases per 100,000 residents and Sacramento County 6 cases per 100,000. San Francisco was as high as 274 per 100,000 people during the winter peak, and recorded an average 1.1 per 100,000 at the low point last June. State data released Tuesday showed the other Bay Area counties, along with Del Norte, clustered at the top of the state’s 58 counties in case rates.

San Francisco's [effective reproduction number](#), which predicts the average number of people each infected person will pass the virus to, is now 1.12, compared to the overall California rate of 0.86. To slow down spread, the number should be below 1.

“That’s all fueled by BA.2,” said Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, an infectious diseases expert at UCSF. He said that the true proportion of the subvariant is likely higher than the federal estimates — which show BA.2 nationwide now accounting for 72% of coronavirus infections — due to a reporting lag.

Travel, spring break activities, and loosening COVID safety measures are also contributing to the turnaround in case rates, Chin-Hong added.

“When you walk around San Francisco you see tons of people, and a lot of them are visitors. The city is dense,” he said. “That’s why you see that cases and the test positivity rate inching up.”

After more than two months of steep decline, daily average case rates across the Bay Area and much of California have leveled out. But hospitalizations have continued to fall.

To read more on how the BA.2 subvariant is effecting San Francisco and surrounding counties, [visit the full article](#).

### **The New Omicron Subvariant XE is Getting Attention. How Concerned Should We Be?**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) even as the highly contagious subvariant BA.2 is increasingly dominating California and the U.S., an even more potentially contagious subvariant, XE, has attracted the attention of global scientists.

Early estimates as noted by the World Health Organization say XE may be 10% more transmissible than BA.2, but it’s too soon to say whether XE will become the next prolific Omicron subvariant that will become another household name. The British government has noted that data showing XE’s growth rate advantage over BA.2 have not remained consistent, so more data will be needed to assess XE’s likely future trajectory.

XE was first detected in Britain on Jan. 19, the WHO said. And more than 700 cases of XE have been reported in Britain, with more than 600 of them in England, according to British [authorities](#).

There have not been significant numbers of the XE subvariant in countries outside of Britain, Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Tuesday. To date, there have been only three cases of XE reported in the U.S., and none in California, she said.

To read more on this new subvariant, [visit the full article](#).

### **County’s Emergency Mobile Mental Health Program is Expanded**

[The Daily Republic reports](#) the county Mobile Response Program is coming to Vacaville, Rio Vista, Dixon, and unincorporated parts of Solano County.

The County Behavioral Health Division, in partnership with Pacific Clinics, announced the program expansion on Monday.

The program’s mission is to “de-escalate crisis situations, link people to necessary, and support the care coordination with appropriate agencies.”

Individuals looking to access the Mobile Crisis Response Program services can call 911. Calls are handled by trained emergency dispatchers. The service is available from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pacific Clinics has responded to 238 community calls over the past eight months, the county statement said.

Pacific Clinics is California's largest community-based nonprofit provider of behavioral and mental health services and supports. Its team of more than 2,000 employees speak 22 languages and are dedicated to offering hope and unlocking the full potential of individuals and families through culturally responsive, trauma-informed, research-based services for individuals and families from birth to older adults.

The agency offers services in Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Stockton, Tulare and Ventura.

Another critical partner in this service is Medic Ambulance, the county said. Its transport service helps reduce the trauma if individuals would otherwise have to be transported in law enforcement vehicles.

The program is funded through the Mental Health Services Act.

### **California Teachers Train to Spot Mental Health Warning Signs**

[KTLA 5 reports](#) since the pandemic started, experts have warned of a mental health crisis facing American children that is now visibly playing out at schools across the country.

Benito Luna-Herrera, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher in Southern California, tells of middle school students whose post-pandemic depression led them to thoughts of suicide. Other educators say they have never seen so much school violence, anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicide ideation.

The silver lining in Luna-Herrera's case is that special training helped him know what to look for and how to respond to signs of mental emergency. He is among a small but growing number of California teachers and school staff to take a course called Youth Mental Health First Aid. It teaches adults how to spot warning signs of mental health risks and substance abuse in children, and how to prevent tragedy.

The California Department of Education funds the program for any school district requesting it, and the pandemic has accelerated moves to make such courses a state requirement. The training program is operated by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and available in every state.

Experts say childhood depression and anxiety were on the rise for the years, but the pandemic's unrelenting stress and grief amplified the problems, particularly for those already experiencing mental health issues who were cut off from counselors and other school resources during distance learning.

In low-income areas, where adverse childhood experiences were high before the pandemic, the crisis is even more acute and compounded by a shortage of school staff and mental health professionals.

Many states have mandated teacher training on suicide prevention over the last decade and the pandemic prompted some to broaden the scope to include mental health awareness and supporting behavioral needs.

President Joe Biden has proposed \$1 billion in new federal funding to help schools hire more counselors and psychologists and bolster suicide prevention programs. That followed a rare public advisory in December from U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy on “the urgent need to address the nation’s youth mental health crisis.”

Another advocate for training teachers is Harry Bruell, who hopes it can prevent the tragedy his family endured. His daughter, Taya, died of suicide when she was 14.

Soon after her death, Bruell found a journal she had kept as part of an assignment for her Colorado high school. In it, Taya drew a disturbing portrait that showed self-harm and wrote about how much she hated her body and was hearing voices she wanted to silence.

Her teacher read the assignment and wrote: “Taya, very thorough journal. I loved reading the entries. A+” The teacher never told the school counselor or administrators about it. Three months later, in February 2016, Taya killed herself.

“I don’t think the teacher wanted to hurt our daughter. I think she had no idea what to do when she read those stark warning signs in Taya’s journal,” said her father.

He believes legislation to require teacher training in behavioral health will save lives. “It teaches you to raise the alarm, and not just walk away.”

### **Live Coverage: Russia Invades Ukraine**

[CNN reports](#) on live coverage of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The live coverage is constantly updated and covers a wide variety of issues surrounding this situation. [Click here](#) to view the most up-to-date coverage.

### **Maps: Tracking the Russian Invasion of Ukraine**

[The New York Times has posted](#) maps tracking the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Various maps include how Russia is refocusing for a pivotal struggle in Eastern Ukraine, Ukraine reclaiming control over dozens of towns after Russia withdrew around Kyiv, and more.

To view the various maps, [visit the Time’s full article](#).

### **Cal OES Hosts Earthquake Safe Spring Break Statewide Tour**

[The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services \(Cal OES\)](#) is reinforcing the importance of staying safe and being prepared for the next disaster, especially an earthquake.

In recognition of Earthquake Preparedness Month in April, starting on April 4, Cal OES is driving across California with an earthquake simulator and experts on hand to provide California communities information on how to be prepared before an earthquake and what to do during and after one.

For Californians who have ever wondered what a large magnitude earthquake might feel and look like, the earthquake simulator produces an earthquake-type intensity of about 25 seconds.

On Monday, the tour kicked off in San Diego, followed by a stop in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Thursday, they stopped by the State Capitol in Sacramento. The next two stops for this tour include:

- April 8, 2022: Berkeley | Lawrence Hall of Science| 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.
- April 9, 2022: Salinas | Salinas Regional Soccer Complex | 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

There are many resources available to Californians when preparing for an earthquake. Earthquake Warning California is California's earthquake warning system, which uses the latest technology, including smartphone applications and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), to provide individuals with an earthquake warning as soon as shaking is detected by ground motion monitoring.

As part of Earthquake Warning California, the MyShake app is a free earthquake warning tool available in the Apple App store and Google Play to provide individuals a few precious seconds to take life-saving actions such as to drop, cover, and hold on before shaking occurs. The MyShake app sends a warning to smartphone users in the nearby area that have installed the app as soon as seismic waves are detected and the data is processed.

To view further steps to prepare suggested by Cal OES, [click here](#).

### **Your Guide to Preparing Your Home and Emergency Kit for California Wildfire Season**

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) wildfire season in California usually lasts from July to October, blazing through acres and homes, and putting people and the environment in danger. But as climate change and drought conditions continue to shift environmental norms, the season of fires is lasting longer.

According to [drought.gov](#), a national drought information system, various parts of California are facing abnormally dry to extreme drought conditions, making an ideal landscape to feed flames.

In 2021, more than 2 million acres were burned from wildfires, with more than 3,000 structures damaged and destroyed, and three fatalities, [according to Cal FIRE](#).

This included the Caldor Fire that ravaged through 221,835 acres in the counties of El Dorado, Amador, and Alpine, and the Dixie Fire that set ablaze 963,309 acres in the Butte, Plumas, Shasta, Lassen, and Tehama counties.

As another hot season approaches, the state of wildfires is not looking good.

California has been going through dry spells and the dryness is expected to continue through the spring, leaving most of the state in moderate to extreme drought, according to [Cal FIRE's 2022 fire season outlook](#).

As of March 29, about 6,000 acres have burned from fires in California.

To view tips on how to prepare and stay safe during wildfire season, visit the full article.

### **Climate Change Impacts Across California**

[The Legislative Analyst's Office has issued](#) a report focusing on how a changing climate is affecting the health of Californians and key issues the Legislature faces in responding to those

impacts. This report is one of a series summarizing how climate change will impact different sectors across California.

To view the full report, [click here](#).

### **Prepared to Modernize US 911 Emergency System by Allowing Dispatchers to Send Texts, Victims to Send Images**

[Tech Times reports](#) Prepared is now modernizing the current U.S. 911 emergency calling system. Thanks to its continued efforts, the software company was able to raise new million-dollar funding, which will help it move forward to achieve its goal.

Right now, the U.S. 911 emergency system can only do one thing. It allows people in dangerous situations to call dispatchers or vice versa.

For the past few years, this 911 emergency calling system scenario has worked well. However, [Prepared](#) wants to enhance his function further.

According to [Tech Crunch](#)'s latest report, Prepared was able to achieve a new \$9.8 million round of funding. This financial support was led by First Round Capital, a venture capital firm that focuses on providing seed-stage funding to tech firms.

Thanks to this financial achievement, Prepared now has over \$11 million in funding for its 911 emergency system enhancement goal.

On the other hand, the company explained how it would make the current 911 emergency system in the United States more efficient.

Prepared studied how 911 call centers work, especially when it comes to receiving information from students' reports. The software firm discovered that 911 services could only receive and send calls.

This means that they are restricted when it comes to sending and receiving images, videos, as well as texts.

Prepared plans to do this by allowing dispatchers to send text messages to victims. This will allow the people in danger to be connected to Prepared's web app.

On this page, they can upload photos and videos to show their current situation.

"By offering real-time, actionable data from callers, Prepared Live empowers emergency operators to focus on doing what they do best: saving lives," said Prepared via its [official website](#).

### **ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon**

- **Adult Reentry Grant Program;** *disadvantaged communities; employment, labor & training; food & nutrition; health & human services; housing, community, and economic development*
  - **Funded by:** Board of State and Community Corrections
  - **Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2022 (TODAY)**
  - **Total Estimated Funding:** \$63.65 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)

- **Fisheries Restoration Grant Program;** *education; environment & water; parks & recreation; transportation*
  - Funded by: Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Deadline: **Friday, April 15, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$14 million
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2022 Best Practice Initial Child Interview Video Training (VQ) Program RFP;** *health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Friday, April 22, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$200k
  - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### Family Homelessness Challenge Grant, Round 1

[Cal ICH](#) will fund **innovative** applications that accelerate efforts by local jurisdictions and continuums of care to address and end family homelessness by making families' experiences of homelessness **rare, brief, and one-time**.

Applicants shall present an innovative proposal that includes a self-identified prioritized objective that complements, augments, or strengthens a community's efforts to address and end family homelessness.

Background: The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) was created in 2017 to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California. The Council's mission is to develop policies and to identify and coordinate resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work toward ending homelessness in California.

#### Eligible Applicants:

- Local Jurisdiction – means a city, including a charter city, a county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.
- Continuum of Care – as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Eligible Population to Serve: • FHC-1 funds may only be used for proposals serving family households with dependent minors that are experiencing homelessness. o Family households with dependent minors may include but is not limited to pregnant parents, parenting youth, households engaged in reunification and/or child welfare services. o Homeless is defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on May 1, 2018.

Available Funds for This Round: \$30 million will be distributed across a minimum of two rounds of funding. This RFA is for Round 1 of funds totaling \$15 million (FHC-1). Awards for FHC-1 will be determined through this competitive RFA process.

Subsequent Rounds of Funding: Grantees that are awarded Round 1 funds, remain in compliance with FHC-1 requirements and demonstrate reasonable, sufficient progress toward their self-identified, prioritized objective may apply for the second round of grant funding (FHC-2). Only FHC-1 grantees are eligible to compete for FHC-2.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$15 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

### **Alzheimer's Disease Research Awards**

The Department of Public Health is funding research in connection to the study of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias with a focus on understanding and addressing the greater prevalence of dementia in women and communities of color and also focus on populations historically underrepresented in research including the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) community.

Applicants are invited to submit research applications, focusing on understanding and addressing the greater prevalence of dementia in women and communities of color and also focusing on populations historically underrepresented in research including the LGBTQ+ community for studies in the following topic areas:

- a) Caregiving: The economic and social impacts of caregiving. Examples: 1. Improving the delivery of social support and health care services for Alzheimer's disease patients and their families and caregivers; and 2. Understanding and alleviating the financial, emotional, and physical impact of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.
- b) Prevention: The identification of risk factors and targets for preventive healthcare and public health messaging. Examples: 3. Identifying risk and preventive factors for Alzheimer's disease such as sleep patterns; chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes; and the impacts of exercise and nutrition; and 4. Developing and/or using appropriate risk assessments, diagnostic tools, and effective interventions to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease and related dementias among California's diverse population.
- c) Early Diagnosis and Detection: Research and evaluation of tools for early diagnosis and detection of Alzheimer's disease. Examples: 5. Detection of dementia by primary care practitioners and specialists through the use of brain imaging, or standardized clinical tests of memory and thinking abilities; 6. Innovative methods of linking research findings and technological advances with clinical practice, medical education and new medical settings; and 7. Evaluating best practice clinical guidelines or toolkits.
- d) Long-Term Services and Support Systems/Health Services: Investigate pathways for reducing disparities in access to health services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias utilizing Long-Term Services and Supports Systems/Health Services. Examples: 8. Increasing the quality of dementia care in health care delivery systems; 9. Improving access to Long-Term Services and Support Systems/Health Services, as well as home and community-based services, through improved care coordination; and 10. Researching effective health care system strategies and technologies that aid in reducing incidents of re-hospitalization and emergency department use.

- e) Populations Suffering from Health Disparities: Identifying and understanding upstream determinants of health that result in disproportionate health outcomes; and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias among California's diverse population. Examples: 11. Investigating the racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation/identity, and socioeconomic differences and their impacts on risk and treatment outcomes for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and 12. Increasing the quality of dementia care in health care delivery systems, particularly as it relates to cultural and linguistic competency.

California (CA) public or private nonprofit academic institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants and all other associated co-applicants and subcontractors must be California-based, and all relevant project activities must take place in CA. Academic institutions and principal investigators participating in a Consortium Research Award are also subject to these requirements. Note that this RFA does not accept applications proposing drug trials.

Applicants and all other associated co-applicants and subcontractors must be California-based, and all relevant project activities must take place in California.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$8.8 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).