



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (11/10/22)**

### **The US is Officially in a Flu Epidemic, Federal Health Officials Say. They're Preparing to Deploy Troops and Ventilators if Necessary**

[Fortune reports](#) the U.S. has "crossed the epidemic threshold" when it comes to flu, federal health officials said Friday, as they outlined plans to deploy personnel from the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and supplies like ventilators from the Strategic National Stockpile, if needed.

U.S. flu hospitalizations are higher now than they've been at this point in every other flu season since 2010-2011, officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on a press call.

The country is seeing a resurgence of non-[COVID](#) respiratory illnesses like flu, RSV, rhinovirus, and enterovirus, with [background levels of COVID](#), according to Dr. José Romero, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

Federal officials are monitoring hospital capacity throughout the U.S. and are "standing by to deploy additional personnel and supplies as needed," Dawn O'Connell, assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, said on the call.

If a state or jurisdiction exceeds its ability to care for patients, a team from the National Disaster Medical System may be deployed, she said, adding that response might also include personnel from the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

If extra supplies like ventilators or personal protective equipment are needed, they're available upon request from the Strategic National Stockpile, she added. No states had requested this level of support as of Friday.

For further details and updates, [visit the full article](#).

### **LA County Reports 1,400 New COVID Cases, 8 Deaths**

[The Daily Bulletin reports](#) another 1,433 COVID-19 infections were reported in Los Angeles County on Tuesday, Nov. 8, while the number of virus-positive patients in county hospitals dropped slightly.

The new cases gave the county a cumulative total of 3,497,583 infections recorded throughout the pandemic. Daily case numbers released by the county are an undercount of actual infections,

since many residents rely on at-home tests and do not report those results to county health officials.

Another eight COVID-related deaths were reported Tuesday, raising the county's overall death toll to 34,023.

According to state figures, there were 440 COVID-positive patients in Los Angeles County hospitals as of Tuesday, down from 453 on Saturday. Of those patients, 53 were being treated in intensive care units.

The seven-day average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus rose slightly, reaching 5.9% as of Tuesday.

County health officials last week noted some slight increases in virus-tracking metrics, including the average daily case numbers. Combined with an earlier-than-usual flu season, health officials have been urging residents to get vaccinated against COVID and influenza.

“With recent unusually high levels of flu and other respiratory diseases, there are signs the county could be headed toward a COVID surge this fall and winter,” county Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Friday. “As families are about to start their holiday travel and get-togethers, it continues to be important to follow simple steps to prevent respiratory illness and COVID-19. The first, and most important, health measure we can take is to receive the new COVID-19 bivalent booster if we are at least two months out from our last dose.”

According to the county, while 85% of residents aged 5 and older have received their initial COVID vaccinations, only 11% of those eligible have taken advantage of the new bivalent booster, which is designed to combat the currently circulating Omicron.

### **COVID-19 Hospitalizations Rise Again in LA County**

[\*The Daily Bulletin\* reports](#) the number of COVID-19-positive patients in Los Angeles County hospitals rose again on Wednesday, Nov. 2, with state figures showing the figure again rising above 400.

The number of COVID-positive patients has bounced up and down in recent weeks, with health officials closely watching the figures as they hope to avoid another winter surge of virus infections, hospitalizations and deaths.

According to state figures, there were 427 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals as of Wednesday, up from 388 on Tuesday. Of those patients, 48 were being treated in intensive care units.

County officials have said that about 40% of COVID-positive patients were actually admitted to hospitals due to virus-related illness, while the others were admitted for other reasons, and in many cases only learning they were infected when they were tested at the hospital.

On Wednesday, the county reported 1,392 new COVID infections, giving the county a cumulative total from throughout the pandemic of 3,490,492. The number of cases released by the county each day is an undercount of actual COVID activity, due to the wide-spread use of at-home tests, the results of which are generally not reported to the county.

Another six virus-related deaths were also reported Wednesday, raising the overall death toll to 33,986.

The seven-day average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus in the county was 4.8% as of Wednesday, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, California Surgeon General Dr. Diana Ramos and Rep. Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, toured the Dr. Kenneth Williams Health Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday, as officials promoted the importance of getting vaccinated for the flu and getting the updated COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

“We are honored that Secretary Becerra, Congresswoman Bass, and Surgeon General Dr. Ramos joined us to discuss our successful vaccination effort and hear from the South Los Angeles community about the social conditions affecting their health,” said Jim Mangia, St. John’s President & CEO. “I think all of us ... are coming together to change the world. We are proud of the operation we built to support the communities of South, Central and East LA through the COVID pandemic, and are grateful for the Secretary’s and Congresswoman’s commitment to the work of community health centers across the country.”

“St. John’s has always been there for the community, and I’m not surprised with the substantial vaccine numbers they’ve accomplished,” said Becerra. “As secretary, I am directing HHS to reach out to the community – we’re not going to wait for folks to come to us, we’re going to go to them. It shows respect, it extends dignity and it saves lives.”

Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer told reporters last week the county has seen slight upticks recently in some virus-tracking metrics, most notably the weekly infection rate, after months of steady declines.

She said the increases were not an immediate cause for concern, but officials plan to closely monitor the trends heading into cooler winter months, which have led to surges in cases the past two years.

### **COVID-19 Still a Leading Cause of Death in L.A. County, Even Amid ‘Milder’ Omicron Surge**

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) the coronavirus continues to play an outsized role in the mortality rate in Los Angeles County, new data from the Department of Public Health show.

According to an analysis from the county health department, COVID-19 was the second-leading cause of death in the first six months of 2022, illustrating the outsized impact the pandemic has had on mortality rates despite widespread availability of vaccines and the arguably less-severe Omicron strain.

By contrast, COVID-19 was the leading cause of death in the nation’s most populous county in the first six months of 2021, a span that includes the deadliest surge of the 2½-year pandemic. And for the comparable period in 2020, COVID-19 was the second leading cause of death, even though the coronavirus did not begin to spread widely until March.

From January through June of this year, the COVID-19 mortality rate of 30.1 deaths for every 100,000 residents was second only to coronary heart disease, which had a rate of 47.5. Lagging behind was the death rate for diabetes, which was 15.5, and flu and pneumonia, which was 7.1.

The data underscore how COVID-19, during California's last winter surge, was still far more deadly than the flu, according to L.A. County public health director Barbara Ferrer.

"The mortality rate from COVID-19 is more than four times greater than the mortality rate from pneumonia and influenza combined," Ferrer said at a news briefing recently.

The L.A. County data match national trends, which also show that COVID-19 was one of the leading causes of death during the pandemic.

That said, the first half of 2022 was significantly less deadly than the same span in 2021, when vaccines were first being rolled out and still in short supply. The COVID-19 death rate then — 95.9 deaths for every 100,000 residents — was three times as high as during the same time in 2022.

The rate in the first half of 2020 was 28.3, nearly the same as the rate for the first half of this year, 30.1. The similarity is likely because the coronavirus was not circulating widely in January and February that year in California and early stay-at-home orders likely helped suppress the spread of the disease until fatigue with such social distancing measures helped fuel a severe autumn-and-winter surge.

The L.A. County [analysis](#) also looked at the death rate from all causes and found that more people have been dying overall from all reasons compared to before the pandemic.

Prior to March 2020, the death rate for all reasons had been stable. For instance, in the first half of 2019, the overall death rate in L.A. County was 298.4 deaths for every 100,000 residents.

But the death rate for comparable periods over the next three years shot up to 335.7 in the first half of 2020, increased further to 399.4 for the first half of 2021 and then fell back to 335.7 in the first half of 2022. Many of the additional deaths were caused by COVID-19, the analysis found.

"The vast majority of these increases in all-cause mortality were due to COVID-associated deaths, but COVID deaths do not account for all of the increase," Ferrer said. "The COVID pandemic may also have led to more deaths from other causes," she added, such as the result of delayed care for other health conditions and hospitals being overwhelmed.

For further details, [visit the full article](#).

### **Positive-Test Rate Creeps Back Up in San Francisco**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) the seven-day rolling coronavirus [test positivity rate in San Francisco](#) has started to creep back up after falling steadily since July. It was 5.1% as of Oct. 31, the most recent date with reliable data, after dropping as low as 4.5% the previous week.

Since then, the rate has gradually increased and reached 6.2% as of Nov. 2, the latest date with preliminary data.

The average number of new COVID-19 cases in the city has also turned around, jumping from 64 to 80 in the same period, with 106 cases reported on Nov. 2.

The increases come as the average number of tests collected by city officials has dropped to its lowest level since April 2020. There were [50 patients hospitalized](#) with confirmed COVID-19 in San Francisco as of Nov. 3, including four in intensive care unit beds.

The statewide coronavirus test-positive rate also increased to 4.5% last week, according to [health department data](#).

## **‘This is Our Pandemic’: UCSF Says its Children’s Hospitals are ‘Overflowing’ as RSV Cases Soar**

[ABC 7 reports](#) Bay Area children's hospitals are packed with sick kids prompting emergency room doctors to sound the alarm.

"This situation right now with RSV and other respiratory viruses is basically our March 2020 -- this is our pandemic," said Dr. Jackie Grupp-Phelan, division chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, overseeing both the Oakland and San Francisco facilities.

"We've had our highest volume days at Oakland and San Francisco (than) at any time that we've been recording in the past five years," said Grupp-Phelan, noting RSV and other respiratory illnesses are hitting kids much harder than COVID-19.

"Our ICUs are at capacity. We have boarding children in the emergency department that haven't even been sent up to the floor, because all the hospital beds have been taken," she said.

Both hospitals are relied on far beyond the borders of their respective cities, typically taking countless transfers.

"We have not been able to take children who we normally take from outside into our intensive care units and into our acute care side of the hospital. We are very severely affected right now," said Grupp-Phelan.

Maritza Solaris is a mother of three, all of whom are right in that risky age range for RSV.

"I don't want my kids to get it. It's scary. It's another just thing we have to keep our kids safe from," she said.

"I do worry that with the uptick across the country, they could get affected, possibly hospitalized," said Cheruba Prabakar, who is also a mother of three young children. "We just try to be safe, wear the masks when possible, and wash our hands and all that."

The Grupp-Phelan is advising parents to watch out for symptoms of RSV.

"What parents can look for is increased work of breathing, inability to take liquids, not being able to urinate at least two or three times a day, looking more listless or less active," she said. "These are things that we would really want to check in with our primary care doc."

## **RSV Surge Sending Children to Emergency Rooms in Inland Empire**

[The Daily Bulletin reports](#) the Inland Empire is seeing one of its worst surges in years of a virus that is sickening large numbers of children and sending many to the hospital.

Concerns about respiratory syncytial virus, which is hammering the region and nation harder and earlier in the season than usual, prompted San Bernardino County’s health officer on Friday, Nov. 4, to issue a health advisory urging people to take measures to prevent its spread.

“San Bernardino County is seeing high rates of respiratory illness severely impacting capacity in our pediatric hospitals with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) being a contributing factor,” County Health Officer Dr. Michael Sequeira said in a news release.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Riverside County’s public health officer, Dr. Geoffrey Leung, urged parents to take precautions as well.

However, Dr. Jennifer Chevinsky, deputy public health officer, said Riverside County did not intend to declare an RSV health emergency like one [the Orange County health officer proclaimed](#) Tuesday, Nov. 1.

San Bernardino County also had no plans to proclaim RSV a public health emergency, Department of Public Health spokesperson Francis Delapaz wrote in an email.

In Los Angeles County, the county Board of Supervisors [directed health officials to work with schools to inform parents about the risks](#) and preventive measures they can take.

Such measures include some of the same practices Southern Californians are familiar with from [the coronavirus pandemic](#), such as wearing a mask, washing hands often, avoiding close contact with people and frequently cleaning such surfaces as doorknobs and mobile devices.

RSV has been around a long time and tends to spread during the fall and winter, coinciding with the flu-and-cold season. Generally, the virus causes mild cold-like symptoms such as runny nose and fever.

But it can lead to serious illness in babies, very young children, older adults and anyone with weakened immune systems, health officials said.

“While RSV is a common respiratory virus, it can make young children quite ill,” Leung said in a news release.

RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the small airways in the lungs, and of pneumonia, an infection in the lungs, in children younger than 1 year old in the U.S., the release states.

For further information on how various hospitals across the region are being affected, [visit the full article](#).

### **US Hospitals are So Overloaded that One ER Called 911 on Itself**

[Ars Technica reports](#) although COVID-19 remains in a lull, hospitals across the country are in crisis amid a towering wave of seasonal respiratory illnesses—particularly RSV in children—as well as longer-term problems, such as staffing shortages.

Pediatric beds are filling or full, people with urgent health problems are waiting hours in emergency departments, hallways, and even parking lots, and some hospitals have pitched outdoor tents, conjuring memories of the early days of the pandemic.

In one of the most striking examples, the emergency department of a Seattle-area hospital became so overwhelmed last month that the department's charge nurse [called 911 for help](#), telling the fire department that they were "drowning" and in "dire straits." There were reportedly over 45 people in the department's waiting room and only five nurses on staff.

Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue Chief Jay Christian told local media that he sent a crew to the hospital, St. Michael Medical Center, and firefighters helped hospital staff there clean rooms, change beds, and take patients' vital signs until the crisis subsided.

But in public meetings last week, the hospital's president, Chad Melton, acknowledged that things [aren't getting better](#). Melton reported that there are more than 300 open positions at the facility, but no one has applied for positions in the emergency department. "The emergency department specifically, zero candidates interviewing. Zero," Melton said.

A report last month from health care analytics company Definitive Healthcare estimated that [over 300,000 health care providers](#) dropped out of the workforce just last year due to burnout and other pandemic-related stressors.

Now, as the weather turns colder, a blend of seasonal respiratory viruses, including RSV (respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) virus), flu, rhinovirus, and enteroviruses, are surging—early and hard. Pediatric hospitals are swamped, and beds are filling. Pediatric intensive care units are also full in many places.

In Pittsburgh, a children's hospital is seeing a crush of RSV patients, and emergency department wait times are as long as [eight hours](#). In California, hospitals in Oakland and San Francisco are seeing patient volumes higher than at any other point during the pandemic.

"Our ICUs are at capacity. We have boarding children in the emergency department that haven't even been sent up to the floor, because all the hospital beds have been taken," Jackie Grupp-Phelan, division chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, told the Bay Area's [ABC7](#). Grupp-Phelan added that the hospitals are turning away children from outside the area that they would normally take.

But children aren't the only ones facing long waits for care. In Massachusetts General Hospital, adult patients reported being lined up in hallways and [waiting eight hours for a bed](#). The Boston Globe noted that, like the case outside of Seattle, Massachusetts is also feeling the double-whammy of a surge in patients and understaffed facilities. An estimated 19,000 positions are unfilled in the state, according to a report last week from the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association.

### **CDC Says Deli Meats and Cheeses Have Been Linked to a Listeria Outbreak in 6 States**

[NPR reports](#) Listeria has been traced to deli meats and cheese in six states, causing 16 infections and one death across six states, [the CDC said](#) Wednesday.

There were seven infections in New York, three in Maryland (one of whom died), one in New Jersey, two in Massachusetts, and two in Illinois and one in California from April 2021 to September 2022.

Of those infected from New York, five reported buying deli meat at a NetCost Market location, a grocery store where the bacteria was previously identified in October 2021, though investigators believe there are other delis involved in the current outbreak.

The CDC, along with state public health officials, the federal Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture, are working to identify additional delis and specific products linked to the spread.

The ages of those who became sick ranged from 38 to 92, with a median age of 72. Of the 13 people who reported their ethnicities, 11 of them have Eastern European backgrounds or speak Russian. Thirteen of 14 people with available statuses were hospitalized and one person suffered a miscarriage as a result of the infection.

The number of people infected in the outbreak is likely much higher and more widespread, as some people might not have reported their illness, or may recover at home without being tested.

## **Deadly Flooding Triggered by Record Rainfall in Los Angeles as Feet of Snow Pile Up in Mountains**

[Fox Weather reports](#) one person is dead after a significant storm brought heavy rain and flooding to Southern California.

The significant storm brought widespread impacts to the Golden State Tuesday and is expected to continue into Wednesday. Several inches of mountain snow and torrential rains are forecast throughout California.

Southern California saw record rainfall for multiple sites across the region Tuesday. In Sandberg, 3.62 inches of rain was recorded, breaking the old daily rainfall record of 0.43" set back in 2002.

According to Ontario officials, one person died, and five others were injured after the 10 were swept downstream by floodwaters. Crews are still searching for 4 missing people.

Generally, rainfall totals are expected to range between 1 and 3 inches in the California lowlands, though heavy rains in burn-scar areas of Southern California have triggered flooding and debris flow problems.

[Orange County officials ordered evacuations](#) for Silverado Canyon, Williams Canyon and Modjeska in the Bond Fire burn area due to possible debris flows. Orange County Public Works reported some roads in the area covered in water, mud and other debris from torrential downpours.

Farther east, in San Bernardino County, rainfall totals of 3 to 5 inches were triggering several reports of flooding, debris flows and road closures.

Officials evacuated one polling place in San Bernardino due to the heavy rain and flash flood threat, according to [FOX 11 Los Angeles](#).

California Highway 38 was closed due to mud, rockfall and debris on the roadway, according to CalTrans, while Green Mountain Road was covered in boulders and debris amid 4.4 inches of rain. Similar rain totals left parts of Highway 138 covered by water and debris, while Highway 18 was closed due to flooding near California State University-San Bernardino.

Two cars became stuck in floodwaters along Highway 2 at Sheep Creek Drive, and other cars were reported stranded for a time as some roads washed out near Mt. Baldy. A rock slide along Highway 330 blocked both lanes as rainfall rates reached 0.40 inches per hour, while Arroyo Canyon reported double the rainfall intensity of 0.30 to 0.40 inches per 30 minutes. Officials were hopeful the heavy rains would likely end the fire season in the Golden State, making it the second-least active season in the past decade.

But heavy rains even caused problems closer to Los Angeles, where nearly 2 inches of rain was expected by the storm's end. A slide spilled mud onto multiple lanes of California's Highway 60 near its connection to the Interstate 10 freeway in Los Angeles.

Other highways suffered flooding due to drain blockages.

Up in the mountains, heavy snows have been falling since the start of the week, including in the Sierra Nevada, where storm totals of 1 to 4 feet of snow are expected above 4,000 feet in elevation.

Already, 17 inches of snow had fallen at Kingvale over the past three days – 11 inches just within 24 hours – with 15 inches at Donner Peak, 14 inches at Soda Springs and 16 inches at Palisades Tahoe. In addition, wind gusts between 40 and 55 mph amid heavy snow are producing whiteout conditions, and travel across the mountains will become extremely hazardous – if not impossible.

"Travel is highly discouraged" due to road closures, chain requirements and whiteout conditions, the National Weather Service office in Sacramento said.

For further details on weather statewide, [visit the full article](#).

### **Storm Dumps Fresh Snow on SoCal Mountains**

[KTVZ News 21 reports](#) a storm that doused drought-parched Southern California in rain this week also coated local mountains in a fresh layer of snow.

The white powder fell across the San Bernardino County mountains, from Running Springs to Lake Arrowhead.

While the snow didn't prompt a snow day for local schoolchildren, it did create icy road conditions, prompting many to get out and purchase tire chains on Wednesday.

Wrightwood also saw snow, which was a welcome sight for the Mountain High Resort. The resort had hoped to open for the season on Friday, but said the three to four inches of snow that the area received was not enough.

The weather prompted a winter storm warning that expired at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

For those that may want to hit the road to see the snow for themselves, officials are urging travelers to be prepared and keep extra food and water in your car in case of an emergency.

### **In Storm's Aftermath, Dive Team Searching for More Victims in Ontario Wash**

[The Daily Bulletin reports](#) a search for as many as four homeless people who may have been swept away by surging storm-driven floodwaters in the Cucamonga wash in Ontario was unsuccessful on Wednesday, Nov. 9, as San Bernardino County sheriff's dive team used inflatable boats and sonar in an effort to find the missing persons.

Missing person reports were filed with police for two people, Fire Chief Raymond Gayk said. Based on witness accounts, Gayk said he believes two other people — and maybe more — could be in the wash.

One victim, a 63-year-old man, [was found dead in the wash on Tuesday](#). Three others were rescued.

On Wednesday, searchers were focusing on the area near the intersection of E. Philadelphia Street and S. Baker Avenue, where the concrete channel empties into a dirt catch basin. The basin is about 100 yards wide and a quarter-mile long. A gauge showed the depth of the water to be 7 feet.

Runoff from Upland and Rancho Cucamonga feeds the wash, which begins at E. 4th Street and N. Grove Avenue.

By sundown, crews packed up as nighttime conditions were too dangerous to continue the search, Gayk said. The search will resume in the morning with crews working to clear debris in the channels.

A deputy with a sheriff's team that assists homeless people in remote areas who are mentally or physically ill was at the wash Tuesday with a behavioral health nurse when he was flagged down by someone who said people in the wash had been swept away, said Mara Rodriguez, a sheriff's spokeswoman.

"The deputy went to the aid of the people in the wash and was able to help one of them to safety as the water quickly began to flood the wash," Rodriguez said.

Homeless people live in the tunnels that feed the wash, Gayk said.

"We struggle with it all the time," he said.

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

- **Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS);** *agriculture*
  - Funded by: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Deadline: **Friday, November 11, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$2 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **Proactive IPM Solutions;** *agriculture*
  - Funded by: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Deadline: **Friday, November 11, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$1 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2023 Noxious Weed Grant Program;** *agriculture; environment & water*
  - Funded by: CA Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$2.45 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program Request for Proposal (RFP)**

[The Department of Social Services](#) created this pilot program for counties or regional collaboratives of counties to develop a robust, highly integrated continuum of services designed to serve foster youth with complex needs served by multiple agencies.

The Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program(s) are to be highly integrated, trauma-focused, continuums of care for foster youth with the highest acuity and/or intellectual/developmental needs that allow for seamless transition between less and more restrictive levels of care that is not delayed by the need to arrange for appropriate supportive services. Non-family-based service settings within the pilot shall include a trauma-focused model of care, be unlocked, and have a high degree of qualified supervision and structure and be aligned with the goal of maintaining family and community connection while supporting the rapid and successful transition of the foster youth back into family-based settings.

This opportunity is open statewide. A single lead county applicant from either a county child welfare department, a county behavioral health department, a county mental health plan, or a probation department or a regional collaborative of counties who selects a lead county applicant may apply. Regional collaborative of counties must be composed of counties within the same region of California.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, December 1, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$61.3 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program**

[The Board of State and Community Corrections](#) is the designated state administering agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The JAG program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. In general, JAG funds may be used for any one or more pre-identified Program Purpose Areas (PPA).

Proposals must be received by 5:00 P.M. (PST) on Friday, December 2, 2022. The JAG Program Application and all required attachments are available on the BSCC website. To apply, applicants must create a free Submittable account – or use an existing account – when prompted. After an account is established, applicants may apply and submit all required documents using the BSCC-Submittable Application. Additional application details are provided in the Proposal Narrative and Budget Instructions Section and on the BSCC website.

Applicants interested in applying for the JAG Program are asked (but not required) to submit a non-binding letter indicating their intent to apply. These letters will aid the BSCC in planning for the proposal evaluation process. Please submit the letter as a Microsoft Word or PDF file. Failure to submit a Letter of Intent is not grounds for disqualification. Prospective applicants that submit a Letter of Intent and decide later not to apply will not be penalized. Please email your non-binding Letter of Intent to Apply by Friday, November 18, 2022. Please identify the email subject line as “JAG Program Letter of Intent to Apply” and submit the letter to: JAG2022@bscc.ca.gov.

California's Multi-Year State Strategy, as updated in 2022, identifies the current priority PPAs. The Program Purpose Areas are law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, drug treatment and enforcement programs, and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs.

Bases funding on local flexibility, on the needs of the juvenile and adult criminal justice communities, and on input from a balanced array of stakeholders.

Requires applicants to: a. incorporate evidence-based principles and programs for all funded projects. b. demonstrate a collaborative strategy based on the community engagement model that involves multiple stakeholders in the project or problem addressed.

Funded programs should: a. emphasize reducing recidivism, racial and ethnic disparities, and violence. b. incorporate trauma-informed care and be culturally informed, competent, and responsive. c. prioritize mental health needs and the avoidance of system involvement, within each PPA. d. prioritize community-based organizations as service providers.

Eligible applicants are California's 58 Counties. Applications must be submitted by the Board of Supervisors or the Chief County Administrative Officer. Eligible applicants may not submit more than one (1) proposal for funding consideration. However, two (2) or more counties may submit a collaborative proposal. The jurisdictions comprising the collaborative application are not required to be contiguous.

Successful proposals will be funded for a three-year grant service period commencing on June 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026.

This RFP makes \$47,316,384 available competitively.

Funding will be allocated across small, medium, and large sized counties based on county population. Small counties may apply for up to \$660,000. Medium counties may apply for up to \$2,145,000. Large counties may apply for up to \$3,136,875.

Eligible applicants are California's 58 Counties.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Saturday, December 2, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$47,316,384. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **CalVCB Regional Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) Pilot Program Special Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) – Central California**

[The Victim Compensation Board](#) has created the Regional Trauma Recover Centers (TRC) Pilot Program - Central California to award \$2.5 million in state funds to operate two Central California TRC satellite offices in rural or underserved communities jointly run by local organizations in each community and an affiliated TRC in another location. TRCs primarily provide wrap-around mental health and social services for survivors of crime in California.

The Regional TRC Pilot Program - Central California grant opportunity is only available to the existing [18 TRCs in California](#) who will partner with local agencies in rural or underserved areas in Central California to provide services to victims of crime. CalVCB will award \$2,500,000 million to provide satellite TRC services in two Central California locations. The multidisciplinary team will be comprised of staff that includes at least one psychiatrist, one psychologist, one social worker, and additional staff.

Grant activities include but are not limited to:

- Providing outreach and services to crime victims who typically are unable to access traditional services and serve victims of a wide range of crimes;
- Offering evidenced-based and evidence-informed mental health services and support services that include individual and group treatment, medication management, substance abuse treatment, case management, and assertive outreach;
- Offering mental health services and case management that are coordinated through a single point of contact for the victim;
- Ensuring no person is excluded from services solely on the basis of immigration status, or due to emotional or behavioral issues resulting from a crime; and,
- Utilizing established, evidenced-based, and evidence-informed practices in treatment.

The model of service must be aligned with [UCSF TRC Manual](#).

This opportunity is only available to the 18 existing CalVCB TRC grant recipients.

CalVCB will award a total of one grant, to an existing TRC to partner with local agencies in Central California to establish two satellite programs for disadvantaged or underserved communities in the following eight Central California counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, December 6, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$2.5 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).