# **Spending & Implementation Updates Our City, Our Home Fund**

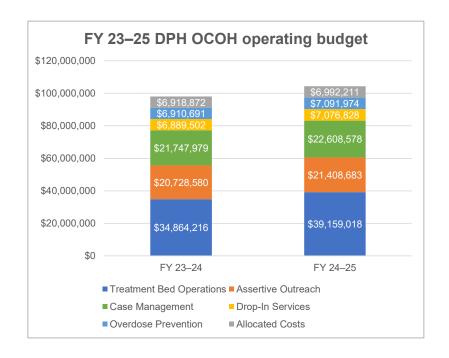
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### DPH Behavioral Health - Budget Overview

- DPH's Prop C operating budget is approximately \$100 million per year.
- Significant progress implementing OCOHfunded mental health and substance use services over the past three years:
  - 79% of contract funds awarded to providers
  - 78% of civil service staff hired
- DPH has not paused the implementation of OCOH-funded programs at this time.
- Ongoing revenue shortfall will require the consideration of balancing options for FY 24–25 and FY 25–26.





## DPH Behavioral Health – Progress in 2023: Assertive Outreach and Case Management

#### Notable accomplishments in 2023 include:

- Launched the BEST Neighborhoods outreach teams to connect unhoused residents to behavioral health care, focusing on Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) follow-up and clients prioritized by the citywide coordinated street response. [Assertive Outreach]
- Implemented systematic **Office of Coordinated Care** follow-up for people with recent SCRT encounters or 5150 involuntary psychiatric holds at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG). [Case Management]
- Permanent Housing Advanced Clinical Services (PHACS), which provides integrated physical and behavioral health services in permanent supportive housing, expanded to cover a total of 97 PSH buildings that are home to more than 6,200 residents. [Case Management]
- Began services for a new **intensive case management** program that will provide 100 slots for older adults with complex mental health and substance use needs who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. [Case Management]



## DPH Behavioral Health – Progress in 2023: Drop-In Services and Treatment Beds

#### Notable accomplishments in 2023 include:

- Extended hours at the **Behavioral Health Access Center** (BHAC) to include weekends from 9 am to 4 pm, building on Prop C funded expansion to weekday evenings in 2022. At BHAC, people can be assessed for behavioral health needs and connected to mental health and substance use treatment. [Drop-In Services]
- Hired three new behavioral health clinicians for the **Dimensions Clinic** at the Castro Mission Health Center to serve transgender and nonbinary transitional age youth (TAY) experiencing homelessness. [Drop-In Services]
- Added 70 new residential step-down beds on Treasure Island for people who have completed substance use treatment programs and are participating in outpatient treatment while pursuing education, employment, and permanent housing. [Treatment Bed Operations]
- Expanded to 75 beds at the Minna Project, which provides transitional housing and treatment for justice-involved adults with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and/or substance use disorder. [Treatment Bed Operations]



#### DPH Behavioral Health - Residential Beds

DPH is on track to meet its 400-bed expansion goal, largely supported by OCOH funding.

This represents a nearly 20% increase over the baseline count of ~2,200 beds.

Approximately 44 beds remain to be opened among planned expansion projects.







https://sf.gov/residential-care-and-treatment

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### DPH Behavioral Health – Acquisition Fund

- DPH has expended \$10 million on facility acquisition and planning to date, with approximately \$120 million remaining in the acquisition fund.
- Much of the remaining one-time Prop C funds are earmarked for projects for which DPH and the City's Real Estate Division are actively pursuing facility acquisition and/or construction, including:
  - Crisis Stabilization Unit (under construction)
  - New building on Treasure Island for existing residential step-down units (in design)
  - Potential sites for the Mental Health Service Center (pursuing acquisition)
  - Facilities to house remaining residential programs and/or relocate beds in-county (pursuing acquisition)
- DPH has leveraged Prop C acquisition funding for \$29.3 million in state behavioral health infrastructure grants.
- Given the ongoing revenue shortfall, some one-time Prop C funds may be reprioritized from facility acquisition as part of FY 24–25 and FY 25–26 budget development.



### DPH Behavioral Health – Challenges

#### Behavioral health staffing challenges

- City workforce recruitment and retention barriers, especially for behavioral health licensed clinicians and health workers
- Community-based providers facing same obstacles part of a statewide challenge
- Controller's Office behavioral health staffing and wage analysis to be released in early 2024
- Long timelines to contract for services
  - Legislation pending to expedite the procurement of residential treatment services
- Difficulties locating and acquiring suitable in-county residential treatment facilities
  - Diverse set of programs with differing real estate needs and state licensure requirements



#### DPH Behavioral Health – Goals for 2024

Pending budget availability of Prop C for FY 24–25, DPH intends to continue implementation of key Prop C funded initiatives in 2024:

- Increasing **Office of Coordinated Care** capacity, including systematic 5150 review at hospitals beyond ZSFG, additional engagement of shared priority clients, and enhanced behavioral health services for PSH residents.
- Expanding the Permanent Housing Advanced Clinical Services (PHACS) program to cover all 140+ PSH sites.
- Completing construction on the **Crisis Stabilization Unit** by the end of 2024, which will provide 16 short-term, mental health urgent care beds as an alternative to hospitalization.
- In partnership with the Adult Probation Department, completing a 33-bed expansion of the **HER House** therapeutic residence for justice-involved women.
- Leveraging new data analytics staff to expand the evaluation of DPH programs funded by Prop C.



## Thank you!

