



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

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California Counties Encouraged to Apply for Mental Health Wellness Grants for Children and Youth

Sacramento – California State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced today the availability of approximately \$36.7 million in mental health wellness grants for children and youth. This competitive grant program funds facility acquisition, construction and/or renovation, equipment acquisition, and applicable program startup or expansion costs for crisis residential treatment facilities, crisis stabilization facilities, mobile crisis support teams, and family respite care.

“Cases of children and youth in crisis have increased drastically in the past generation, and the current home schooling situation during the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the situation,” Treasurer Ma said. “We need to increase mental health crisis services, so these children and youth can get the help they need and reach their full potential.”

The deadline for counties to apply for grants is Friday, January 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Non-profit corporations are also encouraged to contact their counties to apply jointly.

The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (“CHFFA”), chaired by Treasurer Ma, will distribute the funds through the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth.

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, expanded the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth, 21 years of age and under.

“There is a shortage of mental health crisis services for children and youth throughout the state of California,” said Treasurer Ma. “To this end, it is my goal that this program increases the number of crisis beds, mobile crisis support teams, and the availability of family respite care. In achieving this goal, we can ensure that more children and youth receive much needed mental health crisis services. I encourage California counties to submit applications for the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth funding.”

For more information or to submit an application, please visit [CHFFA’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 transactions 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 about \$109.2 billion, \$32.4 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent of sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on outstanding debt of \$94 billion.

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