



Alameda County Health

Aneeka Chaudhry

Director

AGENDA _____ June 2, 2026

May 26, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: APPROVE A ONE-YEAR BRIDGE FUNDING PLAN FOR FY 2026-2027 TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSITION 1/BHSA TRANSITION

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a One-Year Bridge Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to support the Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act transition and provide additional time for providers to sustain, transition, or end programs in an amount up to \$37M

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), approved by California voters in 2024 through Proposition 1, replaces the Mental Health Services Act of 2004. The BHSA represents a shift toward prioritizing care for individuals with severe mental health conditions and substance use disorders (SUDs) while addressing housing instability and homelessness.

In shifting the system's focus toward serving individuals with the most severe mental illness or those at risk of worsening conditions, the BHSA requires that 30 percent of BHSA funding go to housing interventions, 35 percent to Full-Service Partnerships, and 35 percent to behavioral health services and supports. Additionally, 51 percent of early intervention funding within behavioral health services and supports must be directed to services for children and youth age 25 or younger. BHSA implementation is required by July 1, 2026, and the County must adopt a three-year Integrated Plan, which was reviewed by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Health Committee and will be submitted for approval at your Board's June 16th meeting.

The new BHSA programming requirements, alongside decreased revenue projections from the State, necessitated that the Alameda County Health, Behavioral Health Department make approximately \$52.7 million in program reductions, which were issued in late 2025 and early 2026. These reductions affect community and County administered programs in multiple service areas, including prevention, wellness centers, integrative care, crisis services, outreach, treatment, workforce development, and school-based services.

On May 11, 2026, Alameda County Health presented its initial \$35M one-year BHSA bridge funding plan to the Board of Supervisors' Health Committee, to provide temporary funding during Fiscal



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Year 2026–2027 to help providers transition, ramp down, or otherwise sustain programs that will no longer receive BHSA funding.

Key principles guiding the bridge plan include:

- Sustaining continuity of care and supporting health equity across the behavioral health system;
- Ensuring adherence to behavioral health mandates, regulations, legal settlements, and network adequacy requirements;
- Minimizing disruption to the safety net and to the communities served;
- Aligning with state and local priorities for behavioral health, public health, homelessness response, and care for indigent populations; and
- Incorporating federal policy changes and funding impacts to ensure long-term sustainability.

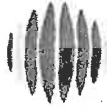
To avoid another funding cliff in Fiscal Year 2027–2028, the BHSA bridge funding plan requires structured engagement with providers, off-ramp or sustainability plans for each bridged program by December 2026, and coordinated planning across funded organizations and Alameda County Health departments, including Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Housing & Homelessness Services.

The Board of Supervisors' Health Committee forwarded the proposed bridge funding plan for the full Board's consideration at its May 19th work session, where staff were directed to bring a Board Letter on June 2nd for bridge funding in an amount up to \$45.7M. The final not-to-exceed amount of \$36,909,502 in one-time bridge funding before you today incorporates updated information from ACBHD and includes contributions from multiple Alameda County Health departments, as well as Measure W Home Together and Essential County Services funds.

Consistent with the key principle noted above and previous recommendations to your Board, program reductions totaling \$15.8M including MHSA one-time funding, those subject to broader system alignment, training or consultancy services, and ACBHD deferment of new or planned program expansions were not included in the final one-year bridge plan.

Today, Alameda County Health requests your Board's approval of the final one-year Proposition 1/BHSA Bridge Funding Plan to support the providers listed in Attachment A in an amount up to \$37M. Approval of the Plan would provide one-time funding to providers to sustain, transition, or end programs that will no longer receive BHSA funding.

Alameda County Health will return to your Board to request approval of contract amendments with the providers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and work with the Auditor-Controller to minimize gaps in payment.



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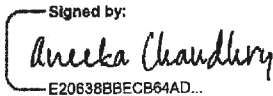
FINANCING:

Funding for the recommendation (\$36,909,502) comes from a variety of one-time AC Health sources. Of this total, \$21,416,567 is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget. The remaining \$15,492,935 will be submitted as final adjustments subject to your Board's approval. Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Providing one-time bridge funding to support the transition from MHSA to BHSA for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 meets the 10X goal pathway of **Health for All** in support of our shared visions of a **Thriving & Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Aneeka Chaudhry, Director
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Attachment A

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Bridget Funding Plan
Providers and Programs

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Horizon Services	Prevention	\$600,000
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R.E.F.U.G.E.	Age-Specific Services	\$273,393
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Telecare	Crisis	\$676,562
Tiburcia Vasquez Health Center	Integrated Care	\$161,363
Trust Clinic	Integrated Care	\$1,932,543
Youth Uprising	Prevention	\$447,943
	TOTAL	\$36,909,502

Prop 1/Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Transition One-Year Bridge Funding Plan FY 26/27

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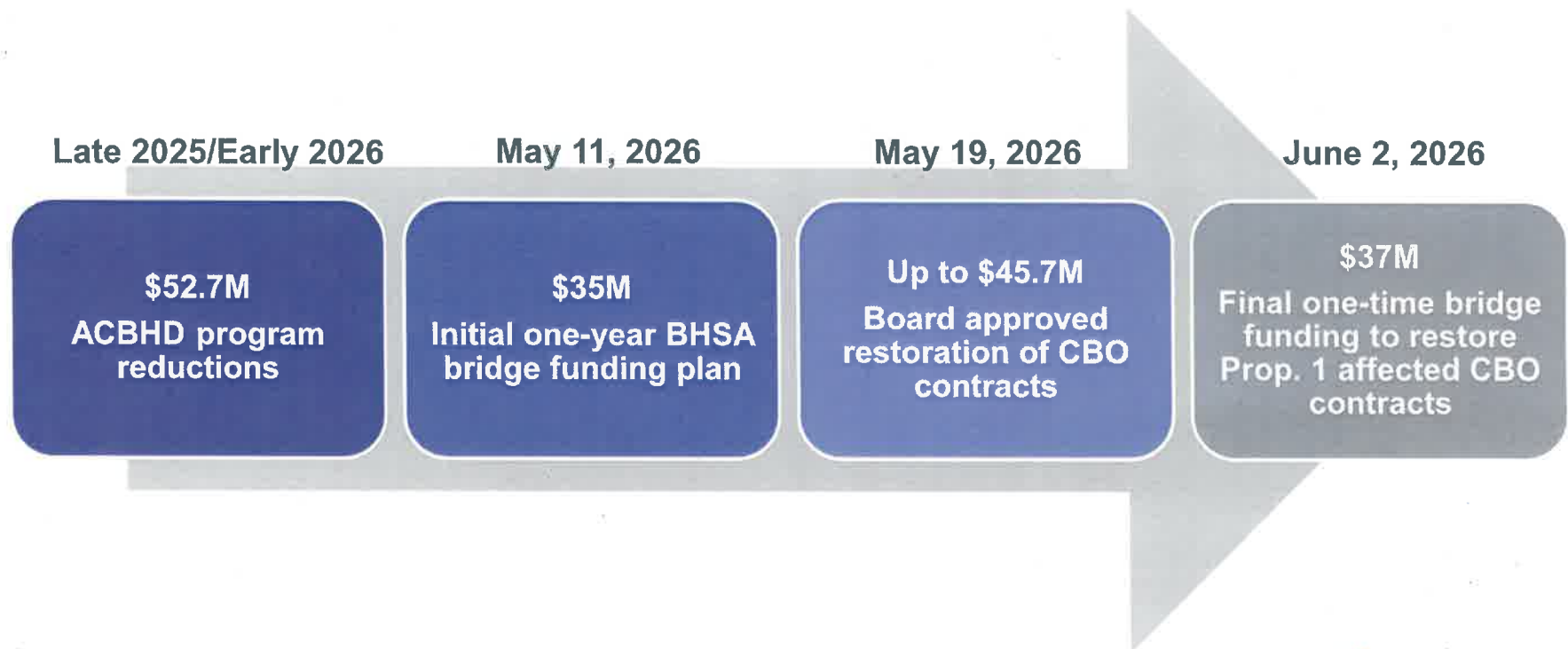
Vanessa Baker, Deputy Director & Plan Administrator, Alameda County Behavioral Health Dept

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Timeline



One-year Bridge Operational Framework

- **Goal:** Provide additional time for providers to responsibly sustain, transition, or end programs
- **Limited to one year:** FY26-27
- **Process** to avoid same funding cliff in FY27-28:
 - Engagement between providers and County agencies
 - Off-ramp plans required of each bridged program by Dec 2026
 - Coordination within AC Health to co-plan and ensure clarity on next steps

Key Bridge Principles

- Sustain **continuity of care** and support **health equity** across the broader system of care
- Ensure adherence to Behavioral Health **mandates, regulations, compliance** with legal settlements, and **network adequacy** requirements
- **Minimize disruption** to the safety net and the communities we serve
- Align with **state and local priorities** for behavioral health services, public health, homelessness response, and care for indigent populations
- Incorporate **federal policy impacts** and funding changes to ensure long term sustainability

Bridging the MHSA to BHSA Transition

Category	Estimated Total
Program reductions issued	\$52.7M
AC Health solutions (PHD, OAD, H&H, BHD)	(\$11.4M)
Measure W ECSF	(18.0M)
Measure W HTF	(\$7.8M)
1x Funding, Consultative, & Systems Alignment (proposed 5/11)	(\$7M)
Additional systems alignment, deferral of new/expanded programs, & maintained partial reductions	(\$8.8M)

**\$36.9M
Restored**

**\$15.8M
Not Restored**

Stabilize the Safety Net \$20.0M/year available

Time-limited bridge + essential ongoing

Requests	FY 2022	FY 2023
CBOs to develop workfare slots	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
Extend CBO Immigration Contracts	\$1.3M	\$0
HealthPAC network stabilization & Prop 1 mitigation for HPAC	\$3.0M	\$15.5M
Medi-Cal & Health Promotion Comms	\$0	\$0.5M
AC Health—Oct. ECSF allocation contract through Dec 2027		
Prop 1/BHSA Transition Mitigation	\$15.2M	\$0
AC Health—planning for July 1, 2026 transition		
LGBTQ+ Community Supports	\$0	\$1.8M
AC Health—Oct. ECSF allocation 1-yr contract to BOS in May 2026		
Medi-Cal retention strategies	\$0	\$1.5M
AC Health—Oct. ECSF allocation 1-yr contract approved April 2026		
Total	\$20.0M	\$20.0M

Bridge Funding Service Categories

Service Category	Restored Amount
Age-Specific Services	\$2.2M
Client Support Services	\$6.0M
Consultation	\$0.7M
Crisis	\$3.5M
Discretionary/Anti-Stigma Campaign	\$0.9M
Housing	\$0.9M
Integrated Care	\$5.2M
Outreach	\$2.2M
Prevention	\$6.7M
Treatment & Medication Support	\$2.0M
Underrepresented Communities	\$1.6M
Wellness Centers	\$2.9M
Workforce Education & Training	\$2.0M
Total	\$36.9M

A note about prevention:

- Last MHSA plan included \$26M in prevention and early intervention (PEI)
 - ~\$18M eligible for early intervention under EI-MHS in new BHSA plan
 - ~\$8M+ in prevention programs are covered in one-year bridge plan (across multiple service categories)
 - All UELP providers kept whole for FY26/27, via bridge plan OR participation in the EI-MHS Cohort, which provides future sustainability via billing

Not Restored Detail

Category	Description	Amount
Consultation, Education & Training	- Fellowships - Workforce and education - Consulting services	\$2.9M
One-time MHSA Funding	Initial 1x funding in MHSA plan	\$1.8M
Systems alignment	- Programs budgeted in MHSA 3-yr plan that never started - Services related to active or recent RFPs - Longer-term sustainability - Internal AC Health programs	\$6.9M
Deferred program expansions	New or expanded ACBHD programs deferred to future date pending State revenue updates	\$4.2M
Total		\$15.8M

Note: UELP providers kept whole for FY26/27 via participation in the EI-MHS Cohort, which provides future sustainability via billing, did not receive additional prevention funding

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Financing

Source	Amount
AC Health	\$11,054,209
Measure W – ECSF	\$18,045,845
Measure W – HTF	\$7,809,448
TOTAL	\$36,909,502

Next Steps

- Provider notifications
- Contract amendments
- Implementation of one-year framework
- Continued systems alignment work