

Executive Summary

Behavioral Health Three-Year Integrated Plan: **Intermittent Update**

WHY ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE?

During the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), any unspent MHSA funds must be directed toward programs and components allowable under BHSA. Initially, the Health Care Agency (HCA) transferred unspent MHSA funds to the Behavioral Health Services and Supports and Full-Service Partnership components to support behavioral health programs. However, in FY 2025-26, increased billing and claims generated additional Federal Financial Participation funds, reducing the amount of MHSA funds needed to support these programs. As a result, approximately \$153,000,000 in unspent MHSA funds remain and must be redirected toward allowable BHSA spending categories. The proposed Intermittent Update to the Behavioral Health Three-Year Integrated Plan identifies how these remaining funds will be allocated.

MHSA UNSPENT FUNDS ALLOCATION

BHSA categorical funding area with proposed allocation and planned use

Technology Modernization / Irvine Campus



\$128M

Support facility construction or renovation and the development, maintenance, or improvement of information technology.

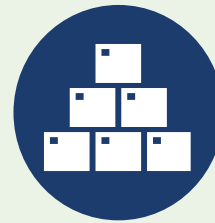
Training / Workforce & Staffing



\$16M

Support workforce development initiatives and trainings.

BHSA Administration



\$6M

Support staff responsible for Medi-Cal enrollment and recertification activities across Behavioral Health Services programs.

FSP Programs



\$3M

Enhance intensive outpatient services.

HOW THIS ALIGNS WITH COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

These allocations were informed by community recommendations from the FY 2025–26 Community Planning Process, including:

- Organizational growth and improved coordination, transparency, continuity, referrals, and capacity
- Increase spending on behavioral health, community-based organizations, etc.
- Provision of specific programs, services, and trainings

NEXT STEPS

October:

- Finalize Intermittent Update in the County Portal and post for 30-day public comment from October 19 – November 17, 2026.

November – December:

- Discuss Intermittent Update at the November 18th Behavioral Health Advisory Board General Meeting
- Seek Board of Supervisors approval
- Submit the final update to the Department of Health Care Services for review and final approval.