

## **Measure X Community Advisory Board Funding Priority Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors**

**November 12, 2024**

*Draft for MXCAB Review*

At the October 16, 2024 meeting of the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB), the members voted ----- to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the \$14.7 million in available one-time Measure X funding be allocated to the following priorities in response to data identifying unmet community needs.

### **Funding recommendations for \$14.7 million in one-time Measure X funds:**

- Funding for Guaranteed Income pilots throughout the county
- Community-based training and employment services
- Community-based mental health services for at-risk and under-served populations, with a particular focus on LGBTQI+ residents and Asian-American/Pacific Islander communities.
- Community-based services focusing on restorative justice and services for those re-entering the community from incarceration
- Supportive housing subsidies for unhoused and housing-insecure youth and young adults, including those aging out of foster care or re-entering the community following incarceration

These still unfunded priorities were informed by intensive community input over several months in 2023 and early 2024, including both written and verbal public comments at nine monthly Advisory Board meetings, at which we heard testimony from more than 200 members of the public.

We also analyzed three years of public input, MXCAB funding recommendations, and funding decisions by the Board of Supervisors in order to identify prior MXCAB recommendations that have not yet been funded. We were especially interested in identifying funding priorities that have been lifted up in all three years of our work but have not yet been funded, with guaranteed income and community-based mental health services for at-risk and under-served populations, with a particular focus on LGBTQI+ residents and Asian-American/Pacific Islander communities as two examples.

At the October 16, 2024 MXCAB meeting, our members reviewed the final list of MXCAB priorities that have not been funded and agreed that they are still indicative of the community needs expressed from public comment and the expertise of our members. Further, as an advisory body, we think they are in direct alignment with the crucial safety net services that will protect our most vulnerable populations in Contra Costa, represent needs and issues that are intersectional and address the inequities that have deepened over the last three years. After further discussion and public comment, a motion to recommend funding the community needs as described above was proposed and (unanimously adopted).

### **Core Values and Operating Principles**

Our recommendations continue to elevate the core values and operating principles that have guided MXCAB's work over the past three years. These principles and values include:

1. Holding a shared responsibility to practice core values of equity, justice, inclusion, and compassion
2. Recognizing the importance of a strong safety net
3. Addressing prevention as well as current system gaps
4. Actively seeking transformational ideas
5. Leveraging other funding sources
6. Prioritizing the perspectives of residents most impacted by community needs, with a recognition that solutions must be interconnected and intersectional
7. Naming inequities and disparities, and recognizing those most harmed (especially by anti-Black racism)
8. Recognizing that economic opportunity and equity are at the heart of our work
9. Creating a culture of inclusion, welcoming, and belonging

### **Focusing on community-based services**

Given that a majority of ongoing Measure X funding to date has been allocated to County departments and programs, we urge the Board of Supervisors to focus this current pool of one-time funding on programs and services that are provided by organizations that are located in the communities being served, and ideally that are staffed and led by people who reflect and embody those being served. We also encourage the County to allocate these sales tax funds as expeditiously as possible, in order to ensure maximum impact in addressing urgent community needs.