



FAIR SHARE FACT SHEET

PROJECT BACKGROUND

ON AUGUST 9, 2022, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 4442 to place the measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot:

“Do the people of San Bernardino County want San Bernardino County elected representatives to study and advocate for all options to obtain the County’s fair share of state funding, up to and including secession from the State of California?”

The measure, identified as Measure EE, passed with 50.62% of the votes.

CONSULTANT STUDY

On August 22, 2023, the board awarded a contract to Blue Sky Consulting Group, LLC for consulting services to provide a comprehensive study on all options to obtain the County’s fair share of state and federal resources.

The final report was received by the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2024.

SUMMARY of FINDINGS

Across all sources reviewed, over the past three fiscal years, the County has on average received **\$66 more** in state funding per person than the statewide average (\$829 vs. \$763).

However, receipt of state and federal homeless and housing funding is disproportionately lower than other counties statewide.

AREAS WHERE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY IS NOT RECEIVING ITS FAIR SHARE:



Behavioral Health Services Act Funding (BHSA)

San Bernardino County received **\$64** per person in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, compared to the statewide average of **\$68** per person (39th of 58 counties). With the passing of Proposition 1 in March 2024, the BHSA will modernize the MHSA to address the present behavioral health system. The proposition redirected funding to expand the capacity of behavioral health care facilities and included approval for a \$6.4 billion bond aimed at building new behavioral health supportive housing and community-based treatment settings.

RECOMMEND that the state provide an extended timeline to ensure counties have sufficient time for completion of infrastructure project(s) and program(s) implementation.



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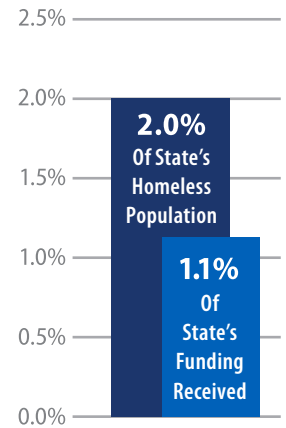
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Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program

San Bernardino County has **2%** of the state's homeless population, but only received **1.1%** of the state's Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention funding.

RECOMMEND that future statewide homelessness funding allocations be based solely on homeless population counts, excluding general population criteria that set aside funds for cities with a certain overall population size, regardless of their homeless counts. Additionally, instead of annual one-time allocations, provide permanent, ongoing funding to support long-term stability and success.



Affordable Housing

San Bernardino County ranks **49th** out of **58** counties in the number of affordable housing units receiving federal tax credits **over the past 20 years**.

RECOMMEND increasing funding for the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Additionally, streamline the application and funding process for affordable housing developers and agencies in order to expedite project delivery and reduce cost.



Judgeships

San Bernardino County needs at least **30 more** judgeships than it currently has, which is the highest unmet need in California. The County's unmet need for judgeships accounts for over **30%** of the total unmet need across the 58 counties in California.

RECOMMEND that the state prioritize funding for additional judges and direct the Judicial Council of California to prioritize the county's needs in future judicial appointments.



Presentation and full consultant study can be found at the Fair Share Committee website located at:
<https://main.sbcounty.gov/about-cao/fair-share-committee>

