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More than \$50 Million from Proposition 64 Available for Youth Substance Use Prevention

California's "Adult Use of Marijuana Act" to Fund Community-Based Youth Prevention and Education

Sacramento, Calif. – The Center at Sierra Health Foundation, in partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), is pleased to announce \$50.2 million in available funding for the Elevate Youth California: Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program. Funded by revenue generated from Proposition 64, which legalized adult use of cannabis in California, this statewide program provides support and resources for community-based and Tribal organizations developing or increasing youth-focused community substance use disorder prevention and early intervention efforts.

Grants of up to \$1 million per project will help fund organizations working with youth ages 12 to 26 years old in urban and rural areas of the state, particularly with communities of color, the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ communities, and those who are disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. Applications are due on September 26, 2022, at 1 p.m. PDT, and funding will support prevention efforts through November 2025.

Proposers' webinars to review the funding opportunity and the application process will be held on September 7, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., and September 15, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. The request for applications and webinar registration are available on the Elevate Youth California website at <https://elevateyouthca.org/news/>.

Since the launch of Elevate Youth California program in March 2020, The Center, under contract with DHCS, has awarded a total of \$130,604,000 million to 185 community-based and Tribal organizations. To qualify for this round of grant funding, eligible organizations must take the following approaches in their programming:

- Invest in youth empowerment, leadership, and development.

- Provide services and support through the cultural lens of the impacted community.
- Promote population-level impacts through policy, systems, and environmental change.

This fourth round of funding for Elevate Youth California is available through DHCS' Proposition 64 Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention, and Treatment account. Funding to this account is anticipated to grow each year, dependent upon the tax revenue created by the legalization of cannabis.

Questions can be sent to the Elevate Youth California team at elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org.

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About The Center at Sierra Health Foundation: *The Center works to promote health and racial equity in communities throughout California with local, state, and national partners. Learn more at www.shfcenter.org.*

About the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS): *DHCS oversees comprehensive health care, including mental health and drug treatment programs, for more than 14.6 million Californians—more than one-third of the state's population. DHCS' largest program is Medi-Cal, the backbone of California's health care safety net. Learn more at www.dhcs.ca.gov.*

About Proposition 64: *Proposition 64 funding prioritizes youth education, prevention, and early intervention, connecting youth and their families to programs that include wraparound care in communities disproportionately harmed by past and current drug policies and criminalized for substance use disorder. More information can be found at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/Operations-Branch.aspx>.*