

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting May 1, 2025



Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Update

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Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)



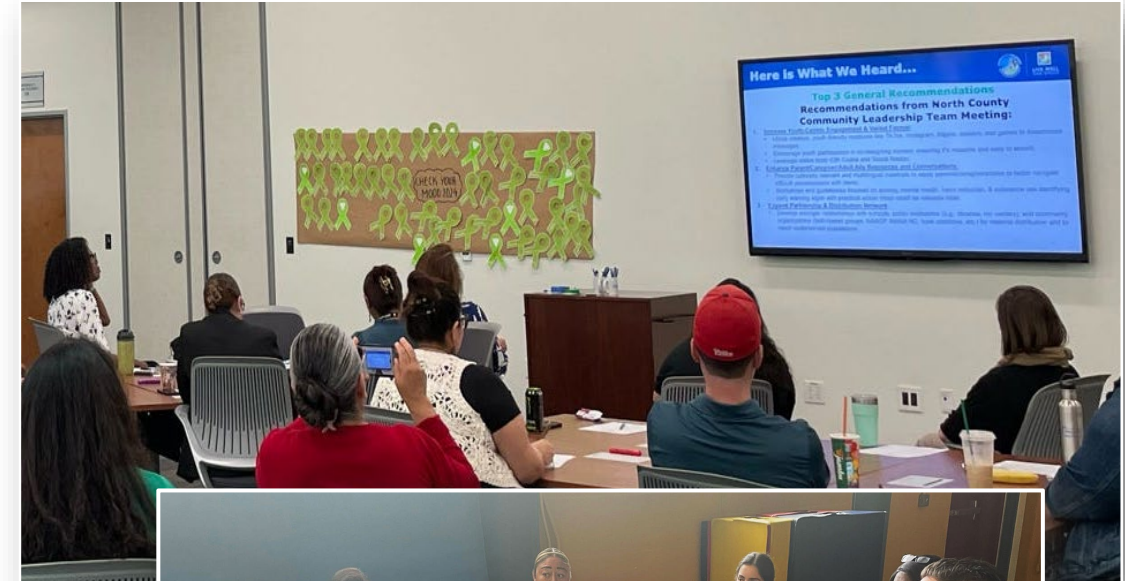
- Funded by 1% State tax on personal income more than \$1 million
- Broad continuum of prevention, early intervention, technology, workforce and training, and capital infrastructure
- Serves all ages with a focus on unserved and underserved communities
- Extensive community engagement to inform use of MHSA funds



Community Program Planning (CPP)



- Opportunity for community members to:
 - Provide feedback
 - Identify unmet needs and priorities
 - Make recommendations
- Informs development of the MHSA Annual Update
- One of three key drivers of BHS community engagement activities
- Input and engagement activities held throughout the calendar year



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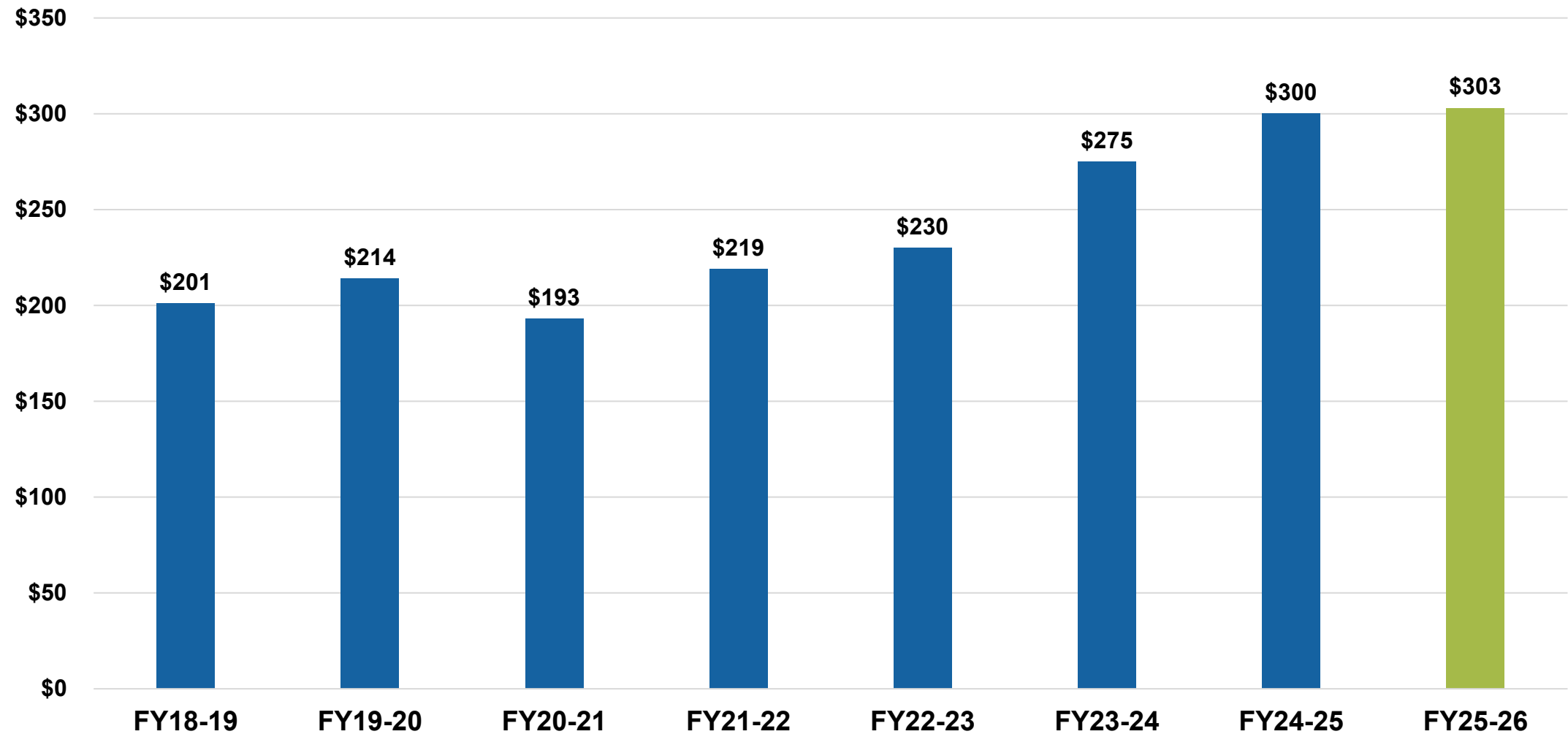
- Input gathered through:
 - Focus groups and listening sessions
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Online input form
 - Community events and meetings
 - Departmental and community-based councils and collaboratives
 - Programs and services
- Desire for more opportunities to discuss specific topics and see more tailored activities and materials from the department (*see Appendix G*)



MHSA Budget FY 2025-26



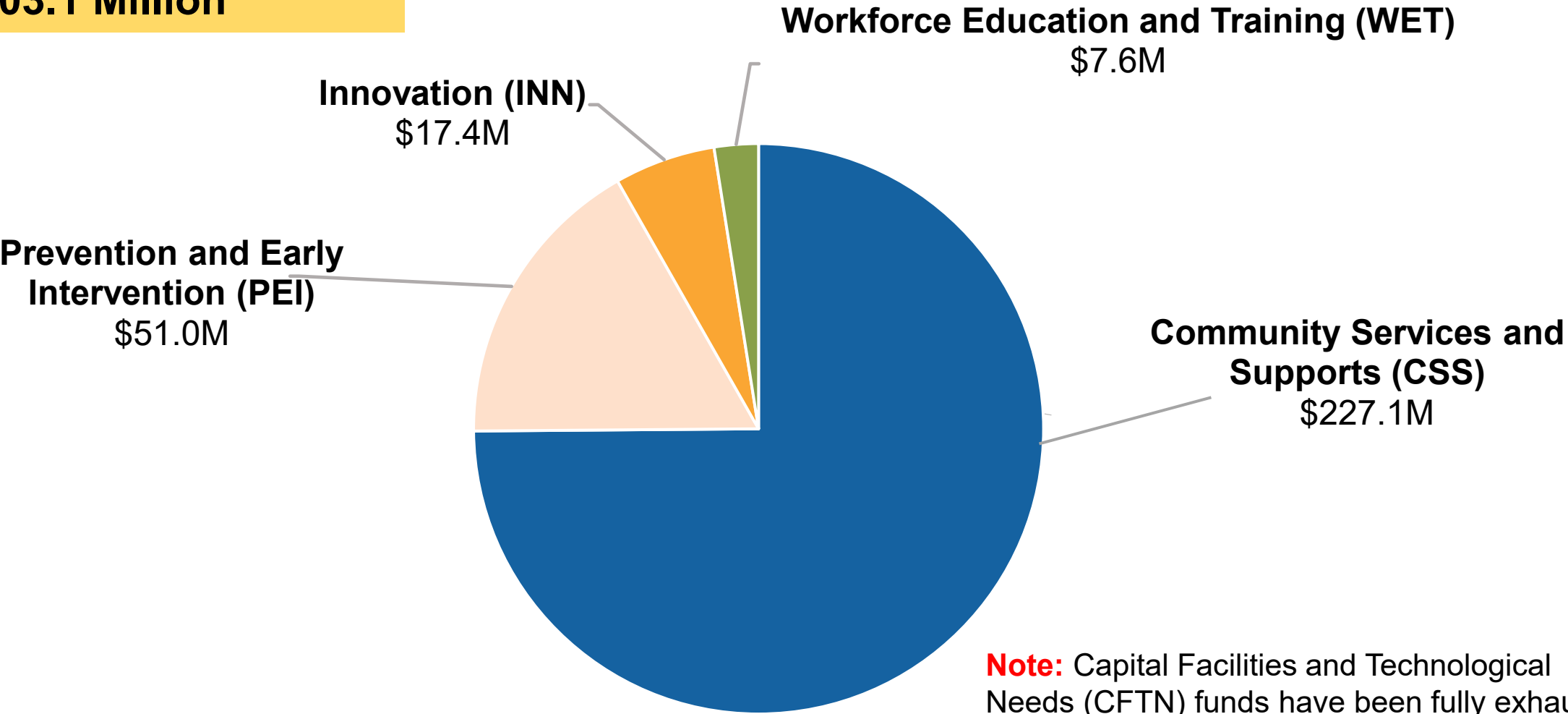
MHSA Budget (\$ in Millions)



MHSA Budget FY 2025-26



**Total MHSA Budget
\$303.1 Million**



Note: Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) funds have been fully exhausted

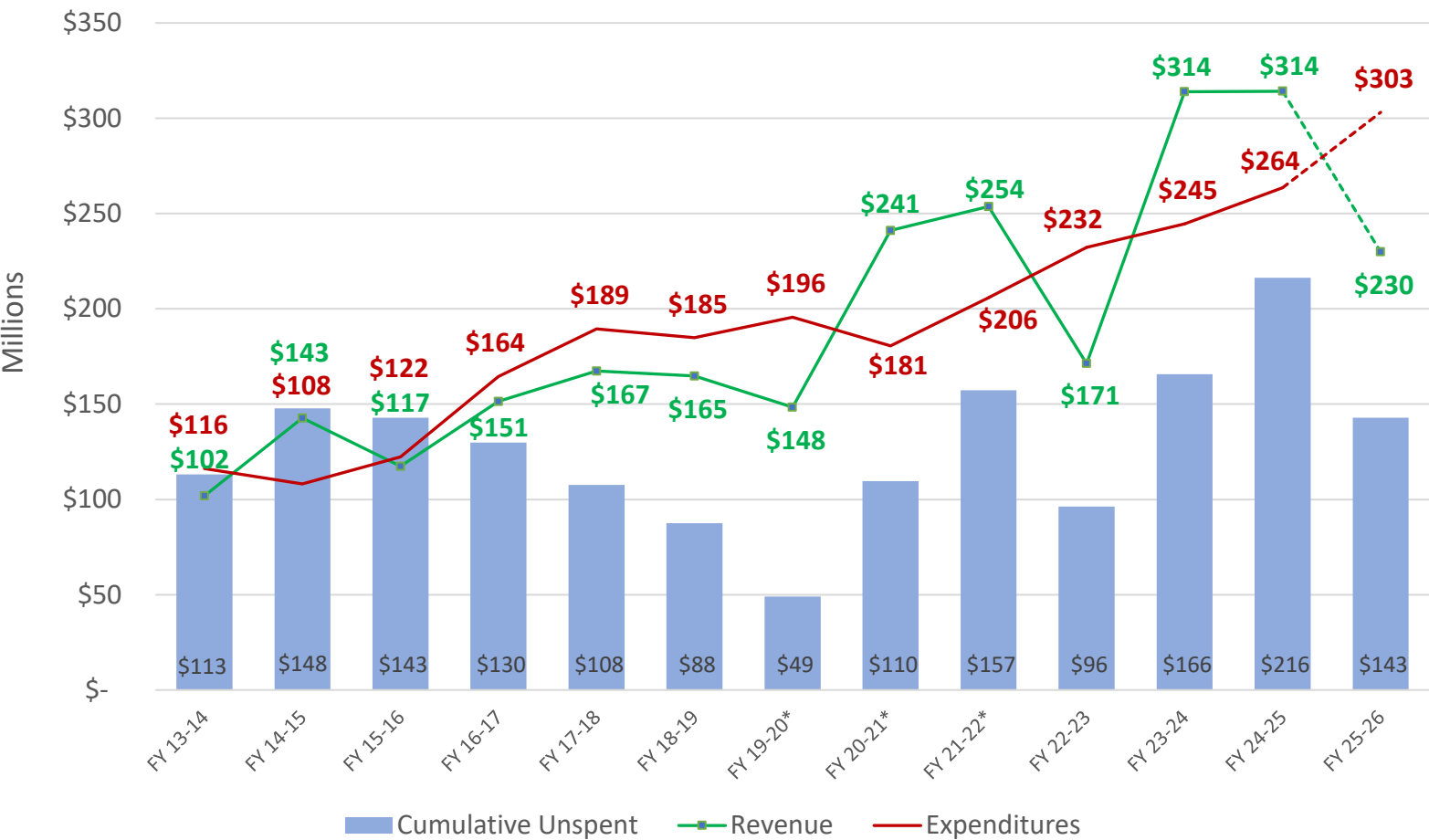
Flow of Funds



Planning & Sustainability

- MHSA revenue is volatile
- Unspent funds are encumbered
- San Diego has reverted \$0.0M
- Balanced increases with sustainability
- Goal is to optimize federal drawdown

MHSA Flow of Funds - County of San Diego



Community Services and Supports (CSS)



FY 25-26 increases will include:

- Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU)
- Housing and Short-Term Rental Assistance
- Full-Service Partnership Assertive Community Treatment (FSP/ACT)
- Medication Clinic
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)



Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)



FY 25-26 increases will include:

- Community Outreach and Education with Underserved Populations
- Consumer Advocacy with Peers
- Public Messaging for Substance Use, Misuse, and Overdose Prevention
- Youth Engagement Ambassador Program
- Family Peer Support Program



MHSA Investments to Support Workforce Development



- Innovation (INN)
- Workforce Education & Training (WET)



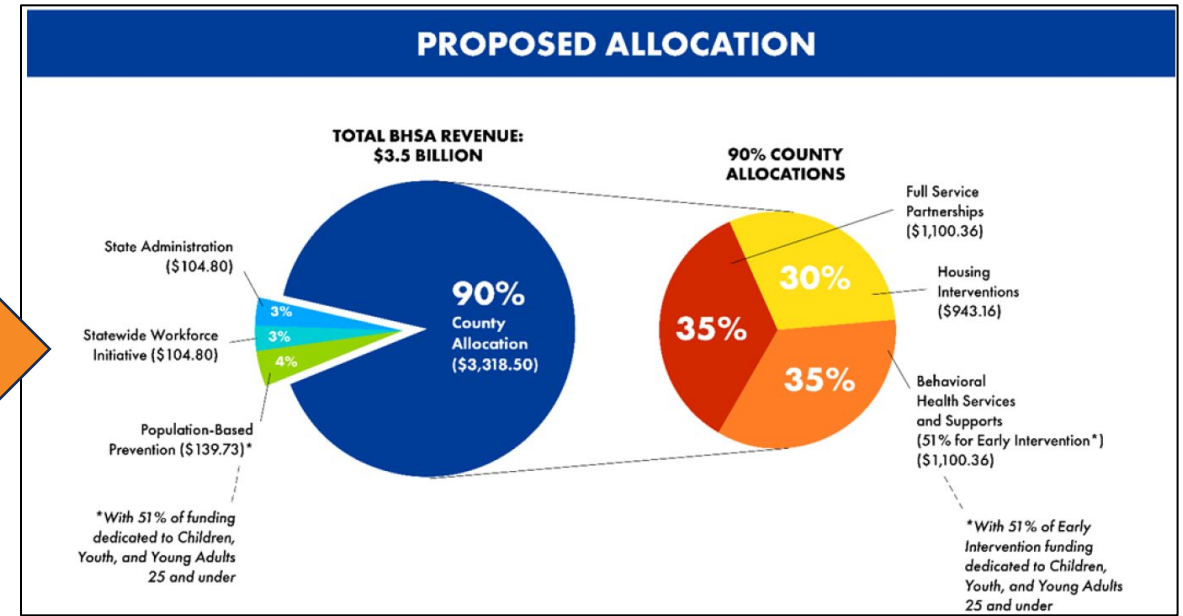
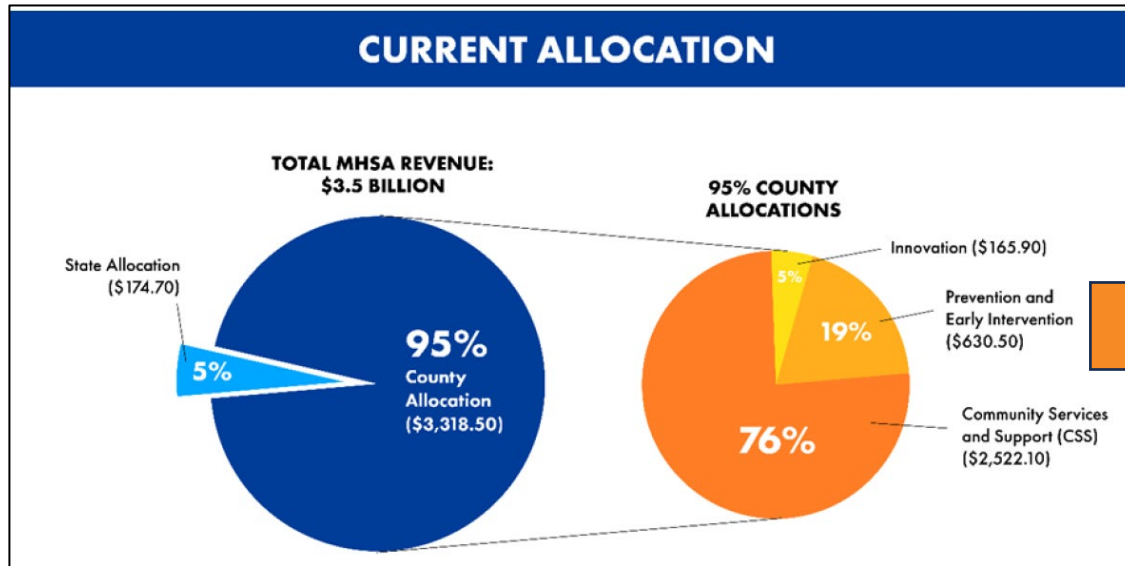
The graphic features a background image of two hands clasped together. Overlaid on the left is the "ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund" logo, which consists of a stylized staircase icon in blue, orange, and green, followed by the text "ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund".

You're Invited!

April 2025 Public Input Sessions

The following competitive Request for Proposals (RFPs) are anticipated to be released in 2025 to support four separate *Elevate Behavioral Health Workforce Fund* programs that will provide new opportunities for current and prospective professionals interested in or working in County-funded Behavioral Health programs in San Diego County.

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)



- 5% Reduction in overall BHSA funding
- Housing interventions
- Moving funding for prevention to the State
- Substance use services funding flexibility

BHSA Transition



- Mandated Services
- Serve Core Populations
- Ability to Generate Revenue (Less use of County Funds)
- Aligned with Optimal Care Pathway Models
- Highest Impact on Improving Health Outcomes



Recommendation



Receive and approve the MHSA Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Update (Annual Update) and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Health and Human Services Agency to submit the Annual Update to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Department of Health Care Services.



Questions?