

# Impact of Proposed MHSA Changes on Counties

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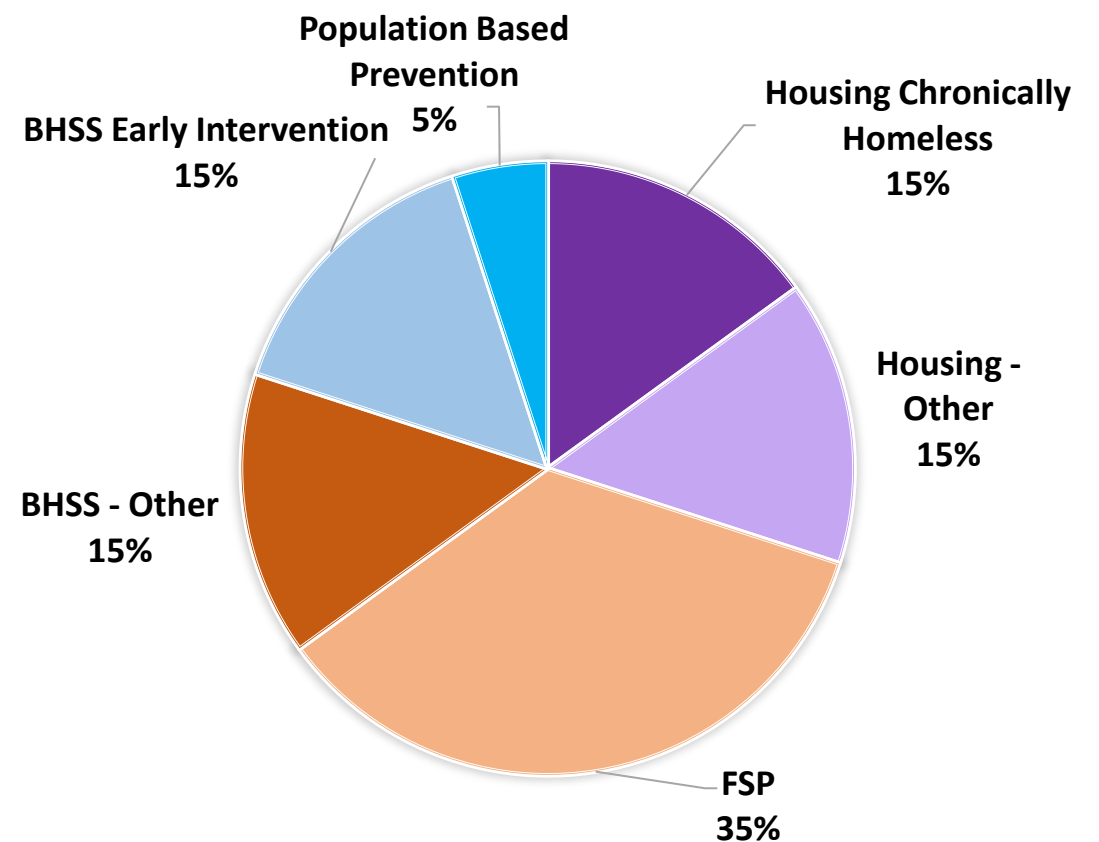
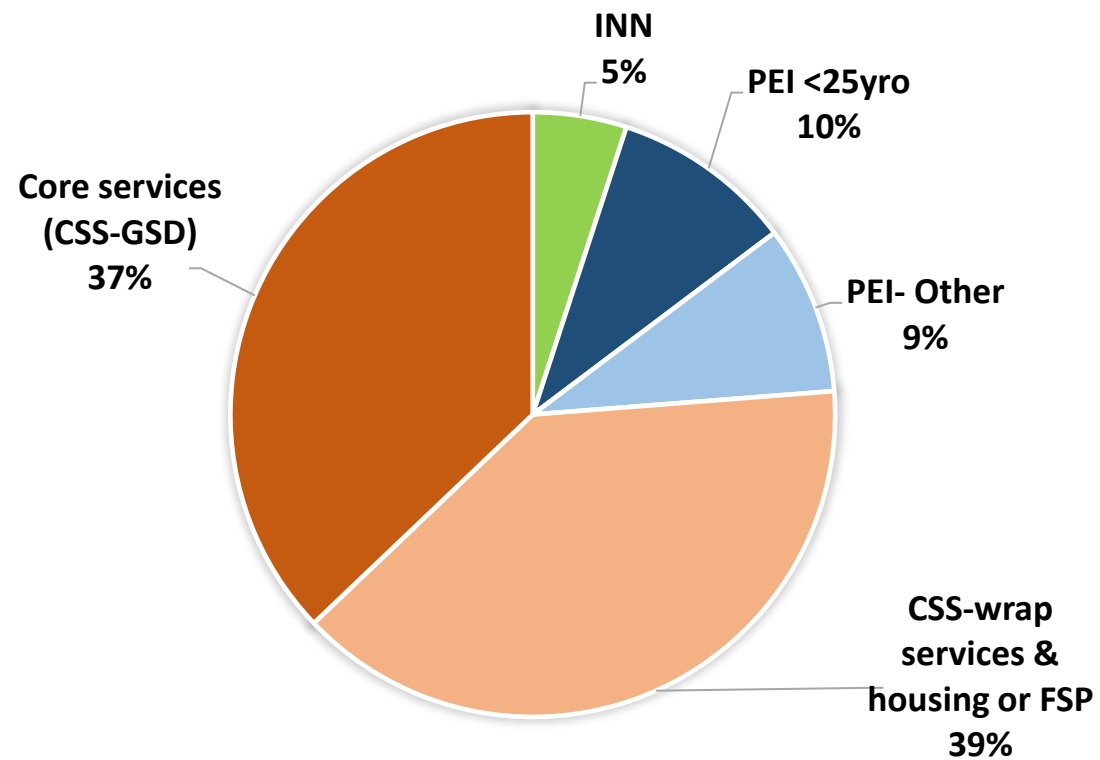
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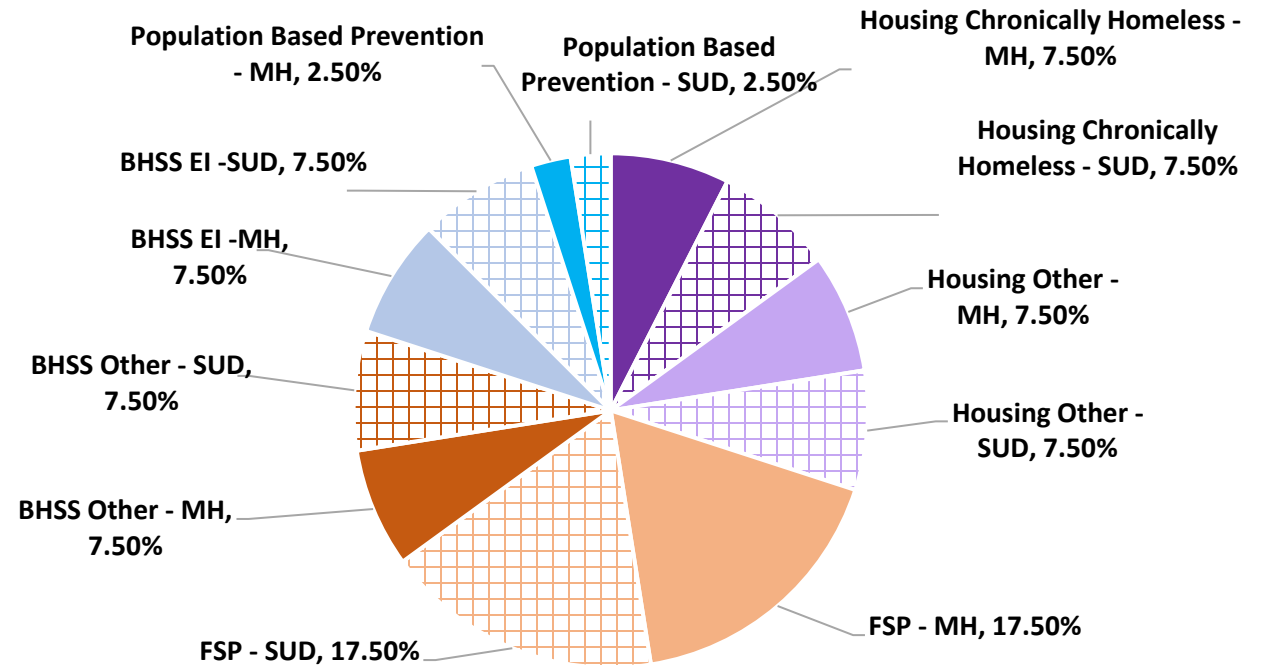
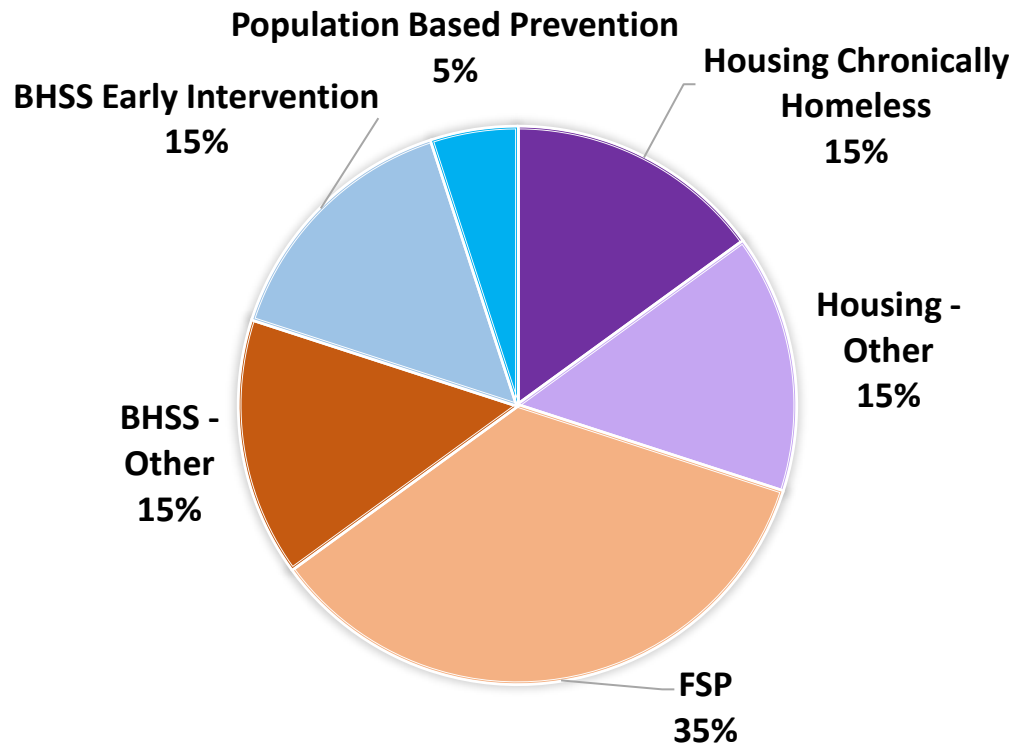
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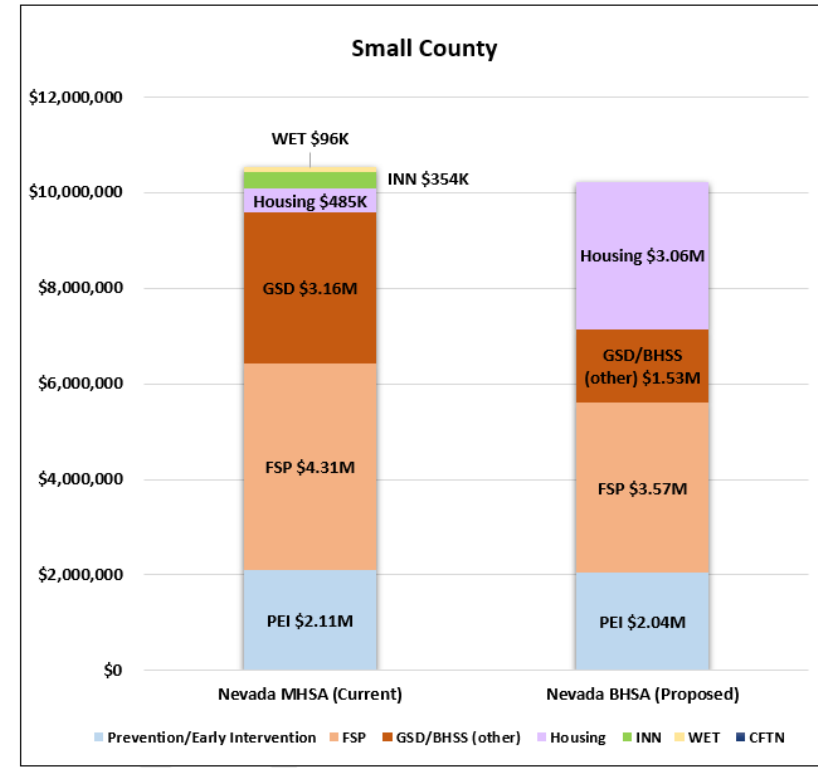
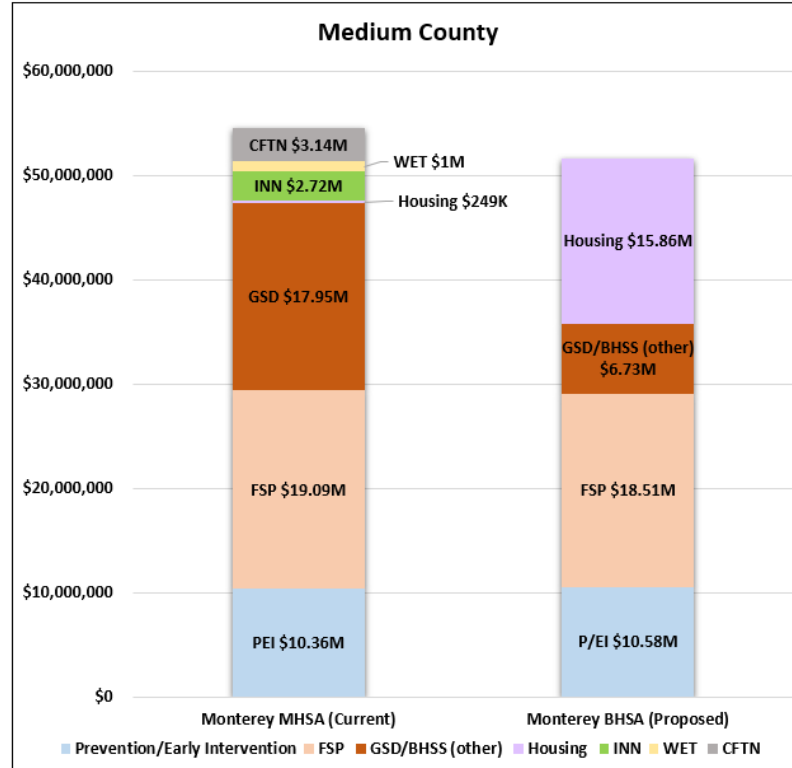
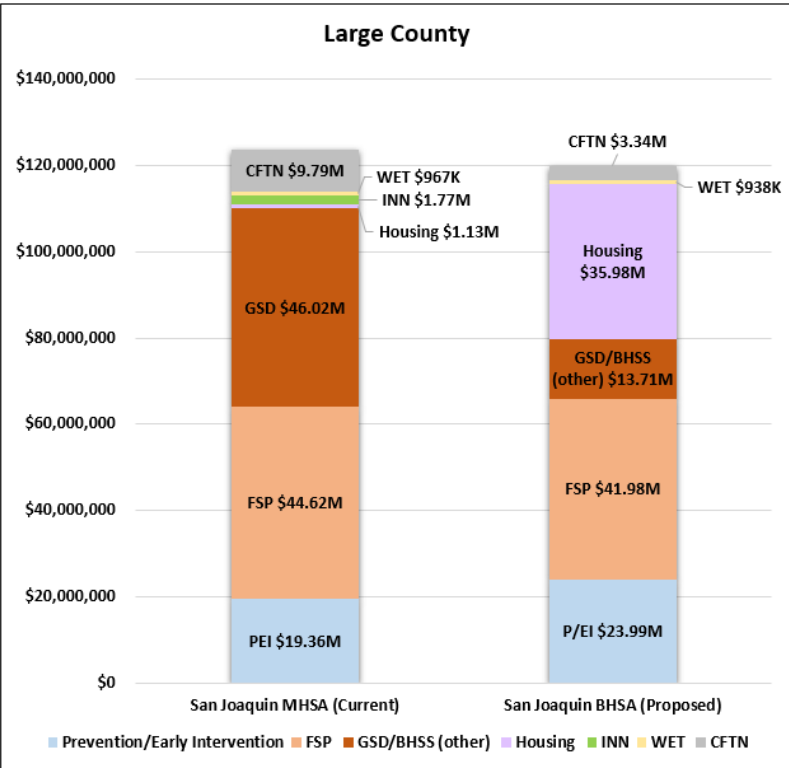
# MHSA Components vs. BHSA Categories



# Impact of Fund Shifts on Mental Health Services Funding



# SB 326 (Eggman) County Impact Analysis (large, medium, and small county)





# Overall Impacts



Loss of funding for core mental health outpatient, crisis, and recovery services from 46% (Nevada) to 69% (San Joaquin)



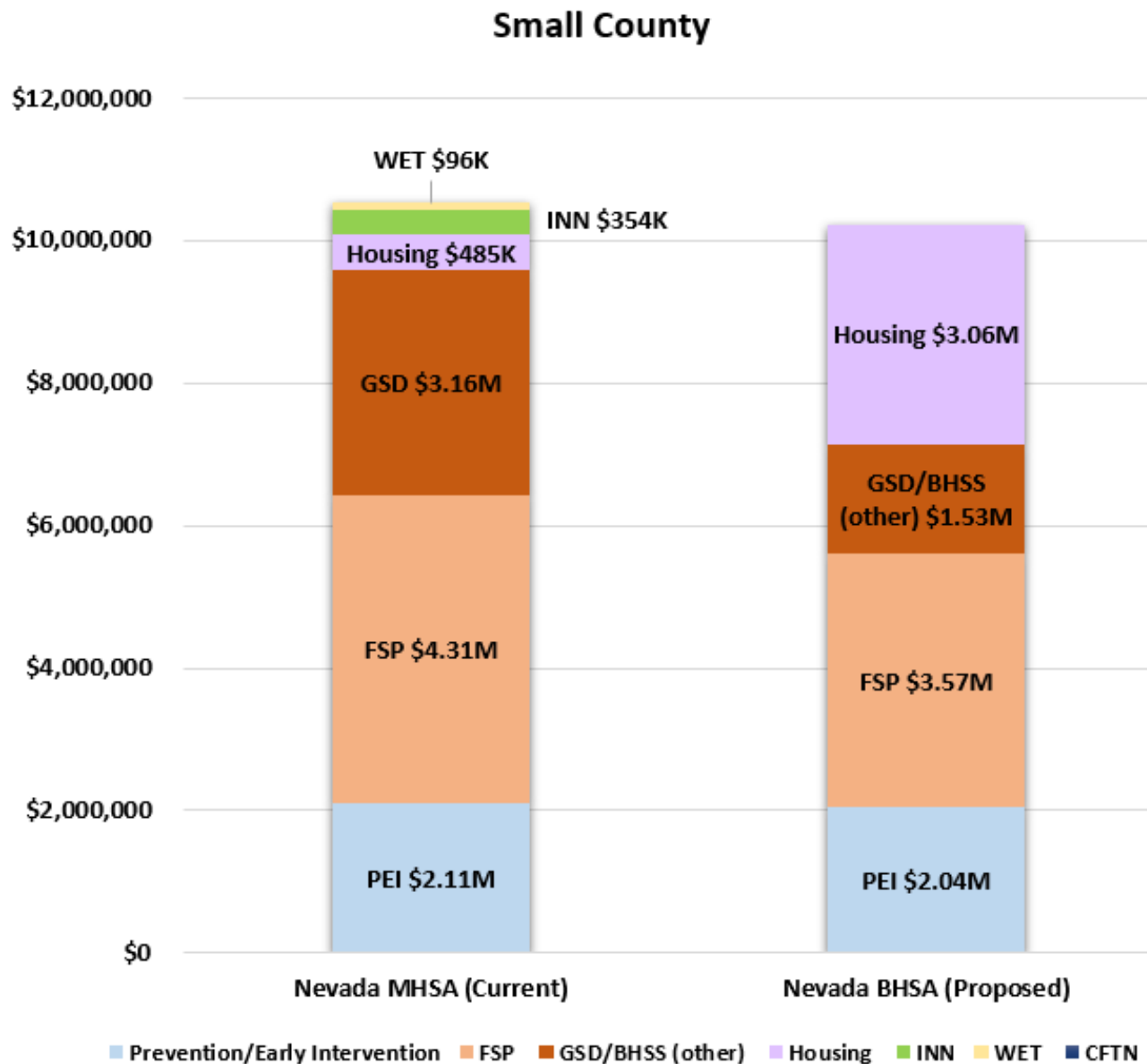
Most counties will need to eliminate funding for: Innovations, Capital Facilities and Technology Needs, and Workforce Education and Training programs



Loss in Federal Financial Participation (FFP) drawn down when MHSA funds are used as a source of non-federal share for Medi-Cal eligible services

## Fiscal Impacts:

- Reduces core GSD services funded through GSD by 46%
- Does not reflect impact of SUD requirements
- Full Service Partnerships funding reduced by \$740,000
- Innovations and Workforce Education and Training would need to be completely eliminated
- Estimated loss of \$1.3 million in Medi-Cal federal match (FFP)

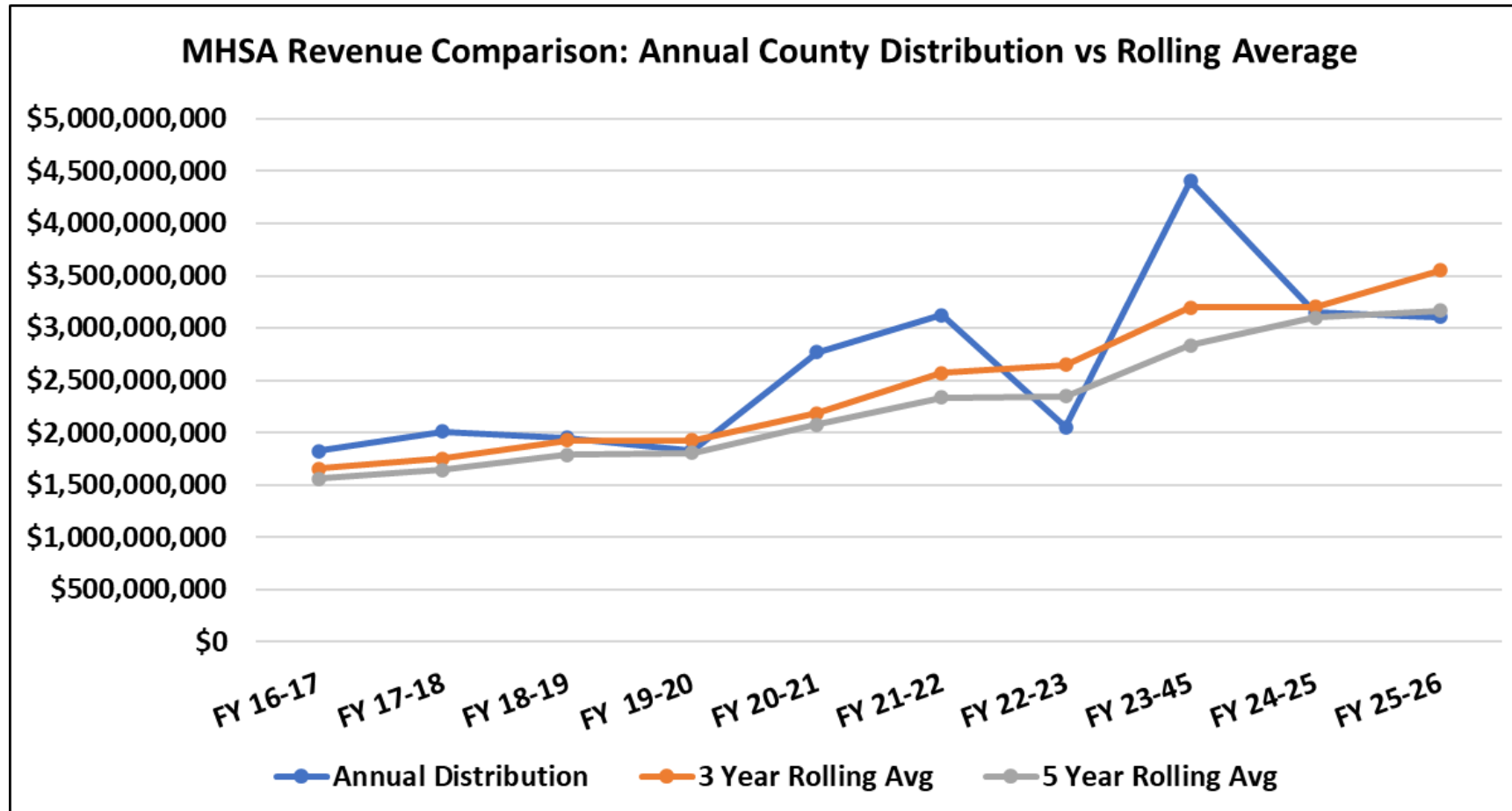


# MHSA “General Services Development” Funding Examples

- **Crisis intervention services** serving all ages such as:
  - Crisis stabilization units (CSU),
  - Crisis residential and treatment (CRT),
  - Crisis aftercare services
- **Core Outpatient services**
- **Recovery-oriented services** such as:
  - Peer-delivered services,
  - Adult wellness centers and
  - Youth drop-in centers,
  - Supported employment services
- **Outreach and Engagement Services**
  - Includes outreach to unhoused individuals
  - And outreach to individuals with serious mental illness
- Funding for Workforce Education and Training (WET), Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) and Prudent Reserves



# Volatility Smoothing: 5 Year Rolling Average







# Summary

- The MHSA is one of three major funding streams used to support the behavioral health safety net, and the state's most volatile
- MHSA funds are also a crucial source of funding for Medi-Cal services
- Shifting funds to pay for new priorities will have the biggest impact on the availability of funding for core mental health services like outpatient, crisis, and recovery services

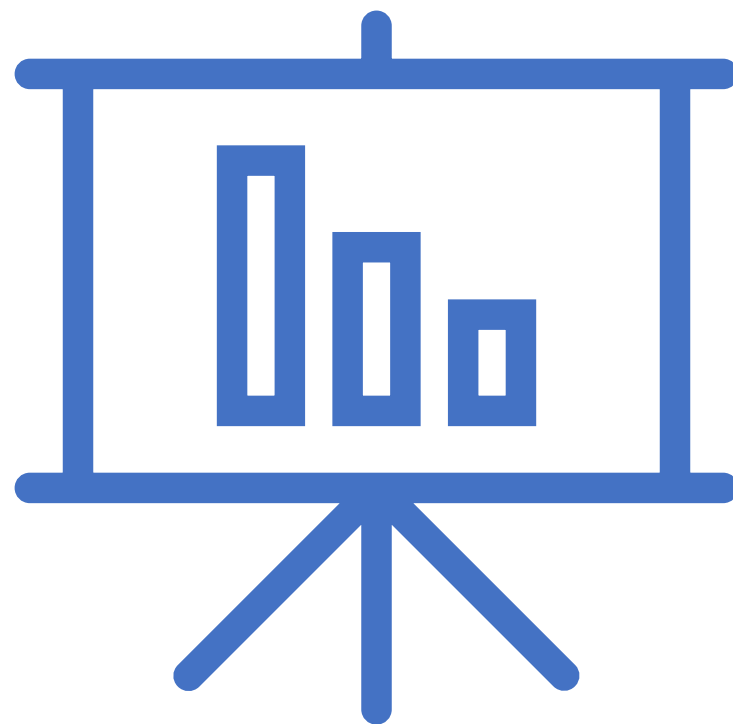
# Recommendations

Counties recommend the state work with counties to address:

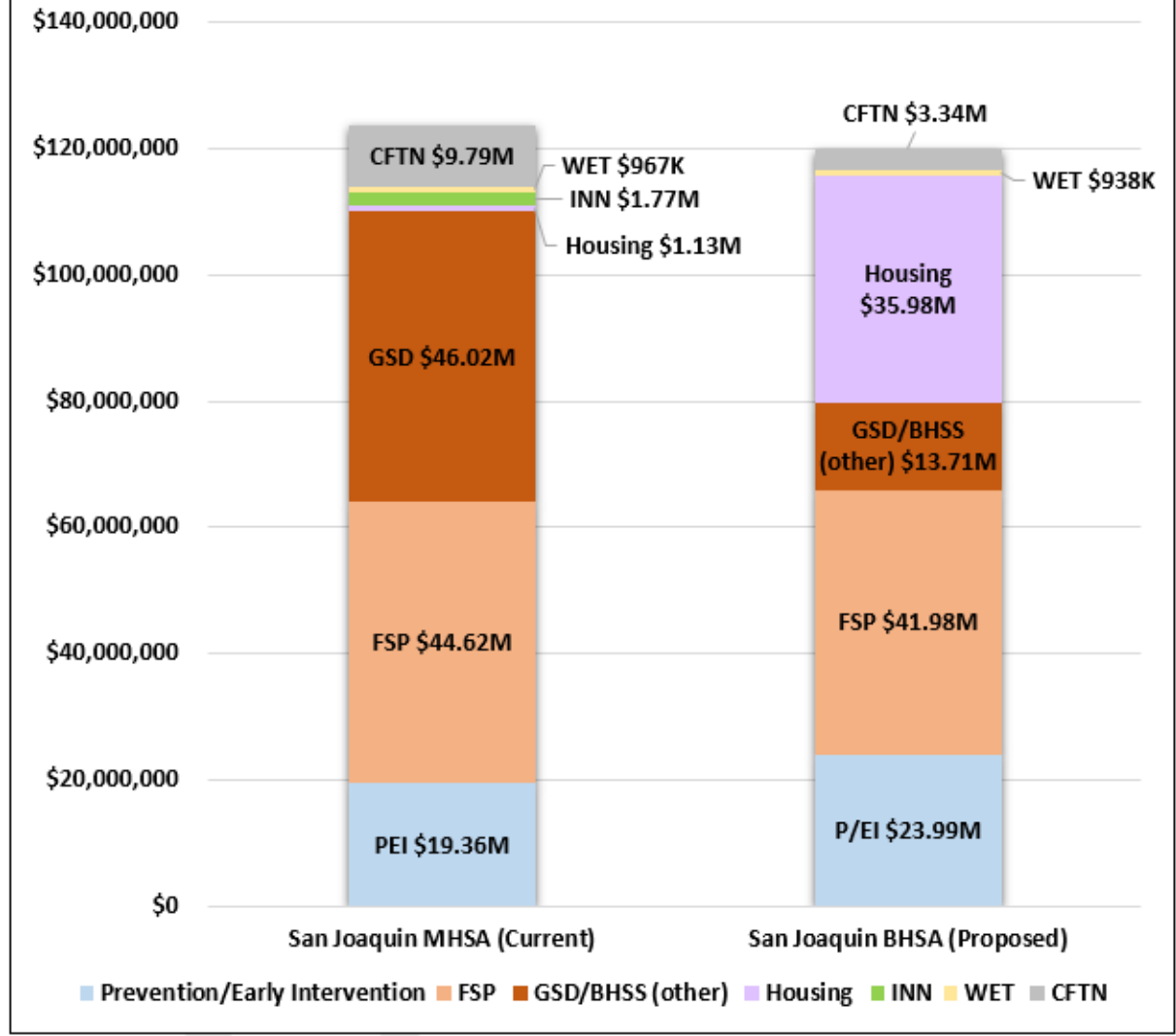
- The volatility of the millionaires tax
- The significant drop in funding for core mental health programs and services
- Housing category restrictions limit who can be served
- Realignment principles which require reimbursement for state mandates
- Rural equity considerations
- Resources for SUD services
- Reimbursement for services provided to commercial and managed care plan beneficiaries



# Appendix: Sample Large and Medium County Examples



### Large County



### Medium County

