

Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program

BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY:

The California Commission on Aging requests \$100 million in one-time General Fund support for the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program to strengthen the state's long-term care infrastructure and expand housing and supportive services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

PROBLEM:

Older adults represent a growing share of California's unsheltered population:

- Over 25% of unsheltered adults without children are 55+.
- Adults 65+ are the fastest-growing group seeking homelessness services.
- The rise in homelessness among older adults is driven by both individual factors, like mental illness, disability, and substance use, and structural factors, such as affordable housing shortages, income inequality, racism, and ageism.



BACKGROUND:

Established in 2021 to address gaps in community care facilities for low-income older adults, the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program funds construction of new residential care settings for individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income, State Supplementary Payments, or benefits through the Cash

Assistance Program for Immigrants. It also supports existing facilities at risk of closure due to financial deficits or urgent repair needs.

\$570M in Capital Expansion funds were directly allocated through competitive grants to projects for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of community care facilities and permanent supportive housing.

\$249M in Preservation funds were available to counties to preserve existing facilities through Operation Subsidy Payments—to bridge operating deficits—and Capital Project funds, to cover essential repairs and upgrades necessary to preserve facilities' operational status.

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SOLUTION:

\$100M in one-time funding for CCE to:

- Expand housing and care for at-risk older adults.
- Support new licensed residential care facilities.
- Strengthen California's long-term care system.
- Ensure 20–30 years of stable housing for seniors and disabled individuals



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Over the lifespan of these CCE-funded housing projects, CDSS estimates 94,000 individuals will be housed and supported.

This estimate is based on the number of individuals who will be able to access CCE-funded beds over the course of the 20 or 30 years the housing projects are required to ensure tenancy for the eligible population.

While all of the \$570M for Capital Expansion has been expended, CDSS received \$3.8 billion in funding requests for similar projects—three times the available funds.



ASSISTED LIVING:

Licensed assisted living facilities are residential communities designed for older adults needing assistance with daily activities but not requiring intensive medical care. These facilities provide both housing and

essential care, such as assistance with bathing/dressing/grooming, medication management, housekeeping, dining services, and staff availability for emergencies.

Assisted living facilities are essential for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to individual factors including mental illness, disability, and substance abuse. By offering a stable and supportive environment, these communities play a vital role in keeping vulnerable older adults housed.

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MASTER PLAN ON AGING GOAL 1: Housing for all ages and stages

Continue to create and preserve housing options for people applying for or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or the cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) through the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program. (January 2025)

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