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CALIFORNIA AWARDS \$47 MILLION IN HOUSING GRANTS TO HELP SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES LIVE SAFELY IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) today announced that five organizations were awarded a total of \$47 million in grants to create more residential care options for seniors and adults with disabilities, including people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

These are the first grants awarded through the new <u>Community Care Expansion (CCE)</u> <u>- Capital Expansion Grant Program</u>, which will provide a total of \$570 million for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction of adult and senior care facilities serving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) applicants and recipients, as well as other community-based residential care settings, such as permanent supportive housing and recuperative care sites.

"These much-needed investments will help provide housing for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities," CDSS Director Kim Johnson said. "Thank you to the grantees for stepping up to deliver these housing options and thank you to Governor Gavin Newsom and the Legislature for creating this historic funding opportunity."

California Department of Aging Director Susan DeMarois added, "California's Master Plan for Aging sets a bold goal: Housing for All Ages and Stages. This significant new investment brings much-needed housing options and alternatives to older adults and people with disabilities throughout our state. We applaud the multiple partners contributing to and prioritizing the goals of the Master Plan for Aging."

CCE program grantees and awards will be posted on the <u>CCE program webpage</u> on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Funding is being issued in the following amounts to these five initial grantees:

• **Bay Area Community Services** was awarded \$19,408,936 to rehabilitate an existing adult and senior care facility that will provide behavioral health treatment, supportive housing, and medical care to medically fragile and aging individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Alameda Point Collaborative was awarded \$15,500,025 to provide new medical respite beds that will serve Alameda County residents with acute health conditions who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara was awarded \$7,000,000 to expand and rehabilitate an existing building that will provide additional permanent supportive housing units for individuals with behavioral health needs.
- **Nevada County** was awarded \$2,777,562 to construct new permanent supportive housing units that will serve people with behavioral health needs who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Palm View Pleasant Living** in Redlands, California was awarded \$2,575,714 to expand an existing Residential Care Facility for the Elderly that serves seniors who are applicants or recipients of SSI/SSP or CAPI.

CCE and the new Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) administered by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) were launched with the goal of expanding the infrastructure and addressing historic gaps in the behavioral health and long-term care continuum serving seniors, people with disabilities, and people with behavioral health needs, including people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Earlier this year, <u>DHCS awarded \$518.5 million in grants</u> to expand behavioral health facility capacity to serve those with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Also, an additional \$195 million will be awarded to participating California counties through the <u>CCE Preservation Program</u> for the immediate preservation of licensed adult and senior care facilities currently serving SSI/SSP and CAPI recipients.

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