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CALIFORNIA INVESTS \$107 MILLION TO HELP OLDER ADULTS AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

More than \$464 Million Invested, Creating 2,465 New Units of Housing with Care and Supportive Services

New Video Highlights ‘The Phoenix,’ a Supportive Housing Development Under Construction in Oakland

SACRAMENTO – Today, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced six organizations will receive an investment of \$107 million to create more assisted living and other residential housing and care options for older adults and adults with disabilities who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness – creating a total of 452 beds or units through these funds.

“Here in California, we continue to invest in our most vulnerable residents,” CDSS Director Kim Johnson said. “Through the [Community Care Expansion \(CCE\)](#) program, projects are now underway across the state that will increase access to housing with care for older adults and adults with disabilities who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.”

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT: California’s homeless population is [aging](#). Among single homeless adults, 48 percent were 50 and older. Among single adults 50 and older, 41 percent became homeless for the first time at age 50 or older. This new funding will create new places to provide housing and services to older homeless Californians.

“We know that the number of older adults experiencing homelessness is rising significantly and a whole-of-government approach is needed to address the many causes, from rising housing costs to home and behavioral health needs and more,” said Susan DeMarois, Director of the California Department of Aging. “Initiatives like the Community Care Expansion program are critical elements of the Master Plan for Aging and will help develop a California for all ages and abilities.”

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: *“This grant through the CCE program will enhance the quality of life of many individuals in our community and help reduce homelessness. We would like to thank California for helping us fulfill our mission of serving the community by helping people achieve a better quality of life and preventing*

them from entering the cycle of homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization.” - Esther Suh, RN, Director of Agapao Fellowship

UPDATE ON RECENT INVESTMENTS: Projects that were previously awarded funds through the CCE Expansion Program are continuing their progress toward project implementation, including contract execution, funds disbursement, property acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and resident move-in.

One of these projects is “The Phoenix,” a permanent supportive housing development under construction in Oakland. Developed by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, “The Phoenix” is one phase of a multi-phased mixed-income master development that will create 101 units of new housing with care, 49 of which will be prioritized for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. [Watch a video documenting the project’s progress and history.](#)

The CDSS has also [awarded \\$247 million](#) to 34 participating California counties through the [CCE Preservation Program](#) for the immediate preservation of licensed adult and senior care facilities currently serving low-income applicants and recipients of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). Counties throughout the state are in various stages of implementing the preservation of community care housing, including launching their program, requesting applications for funding, and releasing funds to facilities.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Community Care Expansion program grantees and awards will continue to be posted on the [CCE data dashboard](#) on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Funding is being issued in the following amounts to these organizations (awards are conditional upon the completion of the contracting process and the number of new beds or units that are noted are specific to the CCE population. Some projects may create additional beds or units with care to serve other populations):

- **Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center** has been awarded \$38,335,670 for the expansion and renovation of an existing Adult Residential Facility in Los Angeles County. The project will add 125 beds with care for the CCE target population.
- **Agapao Fellowship** has been awarded \$20,717,623 for the acquisition and renovation of an existing non-operational Adult Residential Facility in Los Angeles County. The project will add 120 beds with care for the CCE target population.
- **L.A. Family Housing Corporation** has been awarded \$9,210,983 for the acquisition and construction of a permanent supportive housing development in Los Angeles County and \$10,990,360 to rehabilitate an existing motel for permanent supportive housing. Together, the projects will add 109 housing units with support for the CCE target population.

- **Chico Housing Action Team** has been awarded \$15,311,359 for the construction of a permanent supportive housing development in Butte County. The project will add 53 housing units with support for the CCE target population.
- **Catalonia Palms** has been awarded \$6,981,937 for the construction of a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly in Sacramento County. The project will add 32 housing units with care for the CCE target population.
- **Brisa Encina L.P.** has been awarded \$5,447,550 for the construction of a permanent supportive housing development in Santa Barbara County. The project will add 13 housing units with support for the CCE target population.

ABOUT THE GRANTS: These grants, which continue to be awarded through the CCE Program, will ultimately provide a total of \$570 million for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction of adult and senior care facilities as well as other community-based residential care settings, such as permanent supportive housing and recuperative care sites. CCE-funded beds or units will serve SSI/SSP and CAPI applicants and recipients, who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

BIGGER PICTURE: These new awards [follow awards to five organizations](#) in August 2022, [awards to 12 organizations](#) in October 2022, [awards to 12 organizations](#) in February 2023, and [awards to 19 organizations](#) in June 2023 for a total of \$464.1 million to date in grants awarded. These investments support Goal One of [California's Master Plan for Aging \(MPA\)](#): Housing for All Ages & Stages. The MPA is a blueprint to prepare the public and private sectors for upcoming demographic changes. Goal One targets delivering millions of new housing options for older adults and people with disabilities by 2030. Furthermore, these investments are integral to the State's commitment to addressing urgent gaps in the care continuum to care for older adults as well as adults with behavioral health conditions or disabilities in the least restrictive settings.

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