

AB 3300 (Santiago, Bloom, Bonta, Gipson, Quirk-Silva, and Wicks) Homeless Housing and Services Act

Bill Summary

AB 3300 establishes a framework for the ongoing appropriation of \$2 billion to address California's homelessness crisis.

Existing Law

Established the Homeless Emergency Aid Program that provided a one-time \$500 million block grant to cities and homeless Continuums of Care (CoCs) that declared a shelter crisis and demonstrated regional coordination (Health and Safety Code Section 50211).

Established the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program that provided a one-time \$650 million grant to cities, counties, and homeless CoCs to help address their immediate homeless challenges (Health and Safety Code Section 50217).

Background

California's severe housing crisis has put many at risk of housing insecurity and homelessness. With an estimated 151,000 people facing homelessness, the state now has the highest homeless population in the nation.

Of the 151,000 people experiencing homelessness, 72 percent are unsheltered, 23 percent are severely mentally ill, 15 percent are families and children, and 8 percent are unaccompanied youth under the age of 24. From 2018 to 2019, the state saw a 16 percent increase in its homeless population.

A January 2020 poll conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California found that one in five Californians identify homelessness as the most important issue facing the state today.

Need for AB 3300

California is facing a crisis that can no longer be ignored or addressed with piecemeal solutions. It is time to act with urgency and deliver historic investments to help the thousands of families and individuals facing homelessness.

AB 3300 would appropriate \$2 billion in ongoing funding to cities, counties and homeless CoCs, and affordable housing developers to expedite the delivery of homeless and affordable housing, rental and housing assistance, and wrap-around services. Specifically, this bill proposes the following distribution:

- 55 percent to CoCs and Counties to provide rental and housing assistance, landlord incentives, temporary housing assistance, services, and subsidies for permanent supportive housing;
- 40 percent to cities to provide emergency shelters, interim housing, permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, motel conversion, and other assistance;
- 5 percent to nonprofit housing developers for capital development.

Funds would be distributed through a needs-based formula, and would include strong accountability metrics and local collaboration. This bill would also focus on vulnerable populations by requiring at least 10 percent of grant funds be spent on youth experiencing homelessness, and at least 25 percent be spent on survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault, older adults, chronically homeless individuals, and persons exiting prison or jail.

AB 3300 is the outcome-based, accountability-driven solution necessary to solve California's homelessness crisis now.

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