

Fighting Hunger Beyond CalFresh



Nearly 1 in 3 CalFresh recipients visit a food bank every month

California faces a hunger crisis affecting 1 in 8 statewide — including 1 in 4 kids — compounded by:



the climate of fear that is driving families away from CalFresh and other public benefit programs;



the extraordinary cost of housing that is forcing families to choose between food and rent;



the most destructive Wildfires in state history that has disrupted families' ability to find housing and work.

Fund CalFood at \$24.5 million

\$16.5 M above the January 10 proposal of \$8 M

Californians miss 1 billion meals every year.

\$24.5 M enables California food banks to provide nearly 100 million meals statewide — a meaningful step to close that gap.



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Food Bank Capacity

Support the Governor's Proposal: \$20 M one-time



5M Californians visit a food bank every year



There is \$150M needed for facility and infrastructure needs



Refrigerated trucks to receive and distribute food



Cold storage to keep food fresh

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Time investment in food bank capacity



\$25M will allow food banks to purchase:

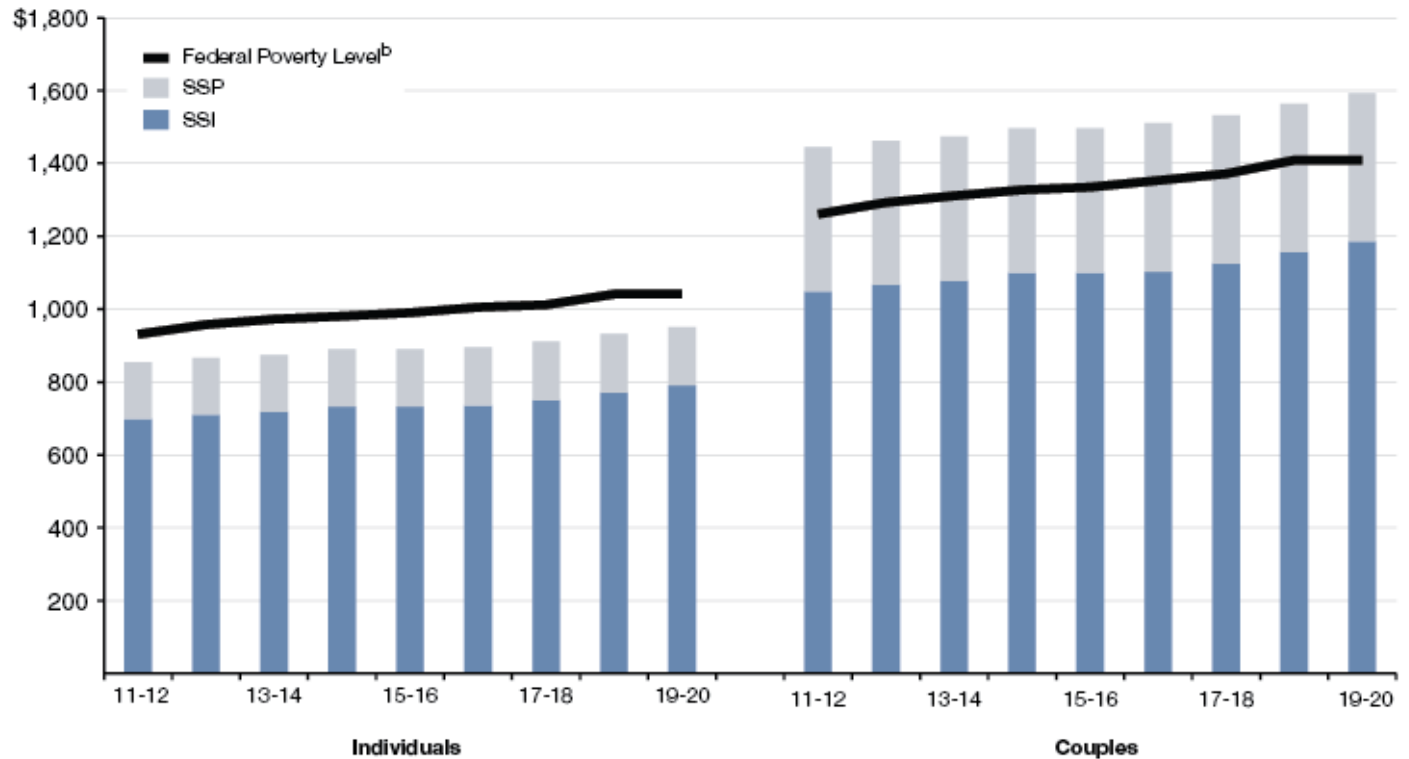


Technology to support modern inventory systems



Figure 14

**Maximum SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals and Couples^a
Compared to Federal Poverty Level^b**



^a The maximum monthly grants displayed refer to those for aged and disabled individuals and couples living in their own households, effective as of January 1 of the respective budget year.

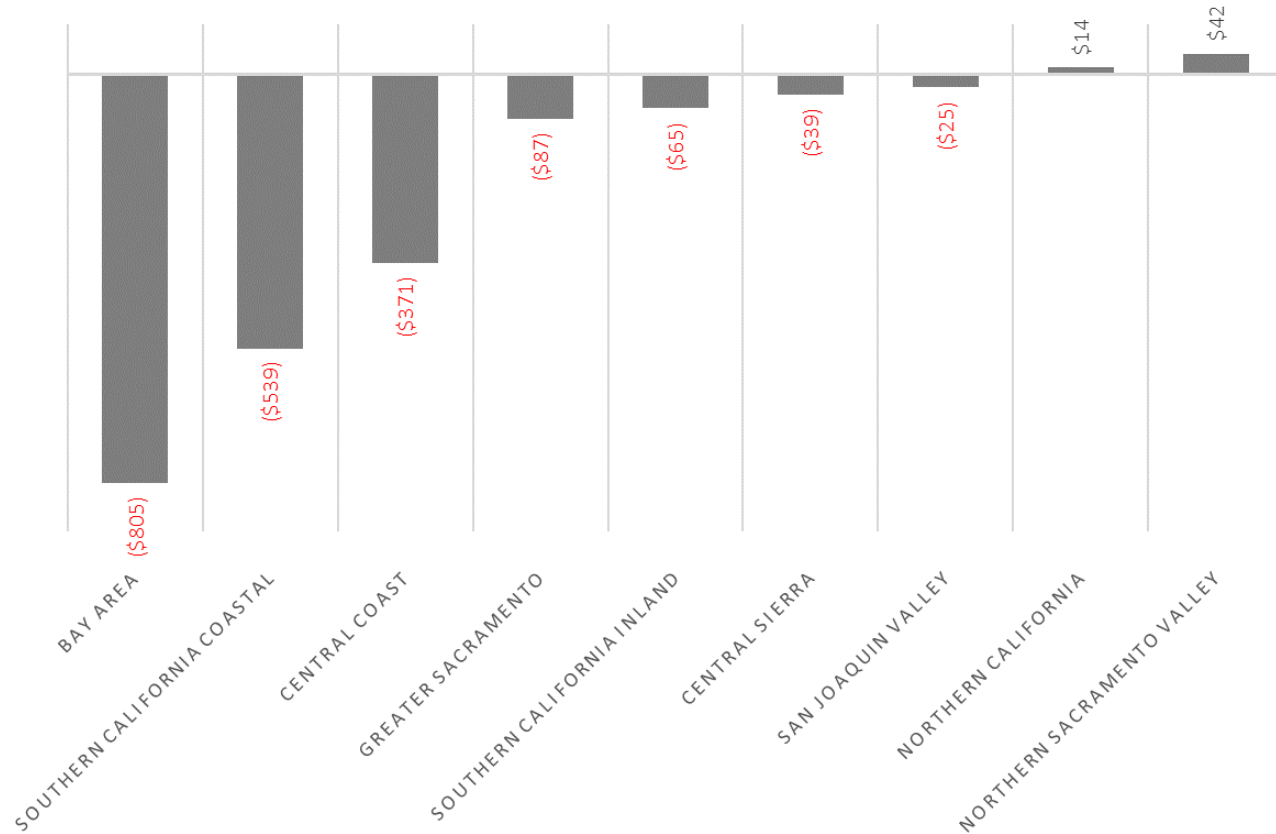
^b Federal poverty guidelines as established by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, effective as of January 1 of the respective budget year.

SSI/SSP = Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment.



IN THE RED

Chart shows average amount of monthly SSI/SSP individual income remaining after rent and food costs (studio/efficiency unit), by California region. Rent + food exceeds income in 42 individual counties. Rent + food + healthcare exceeds income in all California counties.



Sources:

Food and healthcare costs sourced from California Elder Economic Security Index. Accessed online at <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/programs/health-disparities/elder-health.com> on 01/18/2018. Rent represents Fair Market Rent by county for an Efficiency/Studio apartment for 2018 from HUD. Maximum SSI/SSP grant for an individual is \$911 effective January 1, 2018. Above graph does not incorporate healthcare, utility or transportation costs.



Californians for SSI Agenda

- I. **Raise SSP grants to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level**
- II. **Immediately Restore the Cost Of Living Adjustment**
- III. **Permanently Protect Households Harmed by SSI CalFresh Expansion**
- IV. **Maximize CalFresh customer experience opportunities to meet the [75% enrollment target](#)**
- V. **Provide permanent parity for CAPI**

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