

AB-1813

Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program - 2024



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Executive Summary

AB-1813, introduced by Assembly Member Alanis during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, establishes the Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program of 2024. This bill mandates the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a grant program aimed at providing housing subsidies to senior citizens at risk of homelessness.

The bill requires that 50% of the funds be awarded to localities with at least 250,000 residents, while the remaining 50% be awarded to localities with fewer than 250,000 residents. This ensures an equitable distribution of resources across different regions, catering to both urban and rural areas.

The grants will provide rental subsidies of up to \$500 per month for a duration not exceeding 18 months. These subsidies are aimed at senior citizens who meet specific eligibility criteria, including being at least 55 years old, qualifying as low income (at or below 50% of area median income), not receiving other housing subsidies, and either spending at least 50% of their income on rent or being at risk of becoming homeless. Priority will be given to heads of households aged 60 or older and households whose income does not exceed 30% of the area median income.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to contract with third parties to minimize administrative costs and ensure efficient implementation of the program. Additionally, the department may conduct a multilingual statewide campaign to promote awareness and participation in the program.

Funds awarded through the program must be obligated by July 31, 2025, with provisions for reallocating unspent funds to other eligible grantees.

AB-1813 addresses a critical need among California's senior population, particularly those facing financial hardships and housing instability. By providing rental subsidies, the bill aims to prevent homelessness among seniors, ensuring they can live with dignity and security. The program acknowledges the diverse needs of the senior population, including those of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, and aims to create a more inclusive and supportive community for older adults.

In summary, AB-1813 is a significant legislative effort to support senior citizens in California, providing them with essential housing subsidies and promoting stability and well-being among one of the state's most vulnerable populations.



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Our Position

Assembly Bill 1813 (AB-1813) establishes the Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program of 2024, which aims to provide crucial housing support to senior citizens at risk of homelessness in California. This bill directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer grants to cities and counties to subsidize the housing costs for eligible senior tenants.

Assembly Bill 1813 (AB-1813) establishes the Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program of 2024, providing rental subsidies of up to \$500 per month for up to 18 months to low-income senior citizens at risk of homelessness. The funds are distributed equally between urban and rural areas. To qualify, seniors must be at least 55 years old, have a low income, not receive other housing subsidies, and either spend at least 50% of their income on rent or be at risk of homelessness. The Department of Housing and Community Development will oversee the program, with a multilingual campaign to promote participation. Funds must be obligated by July 31, 2025, with provisions for reallocating unspent funds. Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports AB-1813 because it addresses the urgent need for affordable housing among California's growing senior population, alleviating financial burdens and ensuring stable and affordable housing, which is crucial for seniors' health and quality of life. We urge the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development to vote in favor of AB-1813 to provide essential financial relief and housing stability for California's senior citizens.

Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports AB-1813 as it aligns with our mission to advocate for the well-being and stability of senior citizens. By providing rental subsidies, AB-1813 addresses a critical need for housing security among seniors, particularly those facing financial hardships. Nearly 50% of senior renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, making it difficult to afford other essentials such as food, healthcare, and transportation.

The proposed subsidy program under AB-1813 will directly benefit seniors by providing financial assistance that helps them maintain stable and affordable housing. This stability is crucial for better health outcomes and a higher quality of life for seniors. By reducing the financial strain on senior tenants, AB-1813 supports their ability to live independently and with dignity.

We urge the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development to vote in favor of AB-1813 and support this important initiative to provide financial relief and housing stability for California's senior citizens.



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Letter of Support for AB-1813

June 1, 2024

The Honorable Christopher M. Ward, Chair
Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: Support for AB 1813

Dear Chair Ward and Members of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I write in strong support of AB 1813, the Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program of 2024. This bill is essential for providing much-needed housing grants to low-income senior tenants in California.

California's senior population is rapidly growing, and many older adults face significant financial challenges, including high housing costs. Nearly 50% of senior renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, making it difficult to afford other necessities such as food, healthcare, and transportation. AB 1813 addresses this issue by establishing a subsidy program to assist low-income senior tenants with their rent, helping to alleviate their financial burden and improve their quality of life.

The proposed subsidy program under AB 1813 will directly benefit seniors by providing financial assistance that helps them maintain stable and affordable housing. This is crucial, as stable housing is linked to better health outcomes and a higher quality of life for seniors. Moreover, by reducing the financial strain on senior tenants, AB 1813 supports their ability to live independently and with dignity.

We strongly urge you to vote in favor of AB 1813 and support this important initiative to provide financial relief and housing stability for California's senior citizens.

Sincerely,
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About Elderly Care Everywhere

Elderly Care Everywhere is a transformative nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of senior citizens. Since its inception, the organization has positively impacted over 40,000 seniors through a variety of programs aimed at enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly Care Everywhere has been instrumental in alleviating hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt, ensuring that seniors have access to the healthcare they need without the burden of financial stress. With more than 20 chapters across the United States, the organization extends its reach and resources to numerous communities, providing support and advocacy on a national scale.

Beyond U.S. borders, Elderly Care Everywhere has established flood relief camps in India, showcasing its commitment to global humanitarian efforts. The organization's impactful work has been recognized by the government of New Delhi, further highlighting its significant contributions to senior care and welfare. Through these efforts, Elderly Care Everywhere continues to lead the way in senior advocacy, ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity and respect worldwide.

Thank you for your support of AB-1813. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at connect@elderlycareeverywhere.org