

# End Poverty For Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Older Adults & People With Disabilities



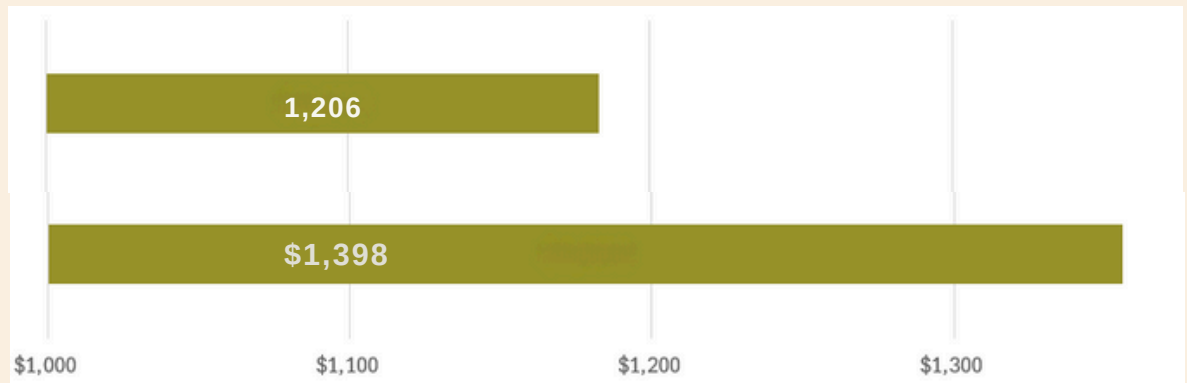
## Action is needed to maintain an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for individuals living on SSI/SSP.

About 1 million older adults and people with disabilities in Californians rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplementary Payment (SSP) income to meet their needs like staying housed, fed, clothed, and healthy.

Due to recession-era cuts in 2009 and 2011, when California eliminated the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for the state portion (SSP grant), current funding levels fall short of what individuals living on SSI/SSP need to live safely and comfortably in California.

Maximum SSI/SSP grant for an individual in 2024-2025

SSI/SSP grants if a COLA was provided each year since 2008



## Individuals on SSI/SSP continue to face the consequences of Recession-Era cuts as the cost of living in California continues to rise:

In all 58 California counties, the “Fair Market Rent” (FMR) for a studio apartment exceeded 50% of the maximum SSI/SSP grant for an individual in 2025 and rent in 28 counties is higher than the entire grant.<sup>1</sup> Even for those who can obtain below-market rent, **current SSI/SSP grants cannot provide for utilities, food, medicine, toiletries, clothing, and other necessities, pushing people into<sup>1</sup> homelessness and hunger.**

## Our Request to Meet Community Need:

- **Provide an annual Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment for SSP grants.** Based on the California Necessities Index of 3.00% from 2024, the estimated costs to reinstate the state statutory COLA for SSP, beginning on January 2026, is projected at \$54.5 million General Fund in 2025-26 (half-year costs) and \$108.9 million General Fund ongoing annually.

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<sup>1</sup> California Department of Social Services, <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ssi-ssp>