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CORRECTIONS CUTS CAN HELP FUND HOUSING

ANNUAL SAVINGS FROM CLOSING FIVE PRISONS:

\$1.5 BILLION

Funding needed to restore previous funding level for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program

\$500 MILLION

Funding needed to sustain Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) after 2026

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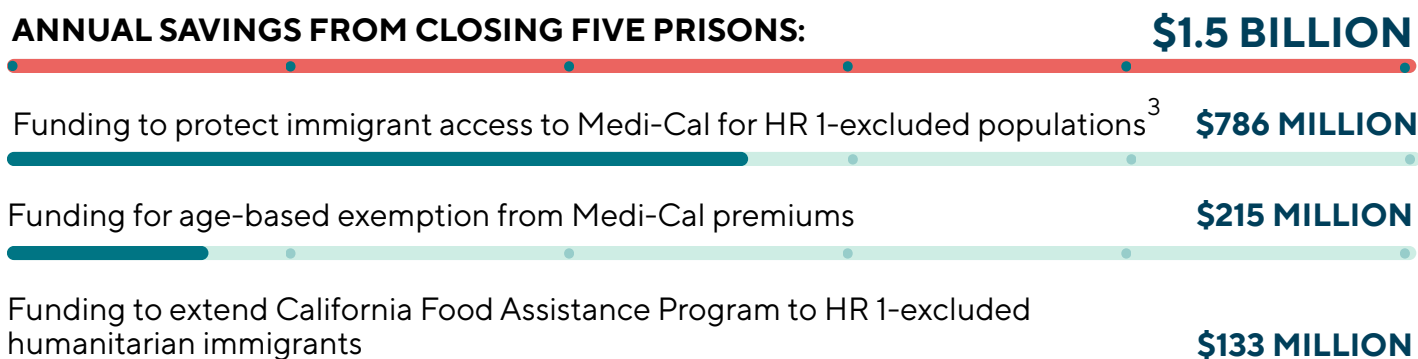


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CORRECTIONS CUTS CAN HELP FUND HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ANNUAL SAVINGS FROM CLOSING FIVE PRISONS: \$1.5 BILLION

Funding to protect immigrant access to Medi-Cal for HR 1-excluded populations³ **\$786 MILLION**

Funding for age-based exemption from Medi-Cal premiums **\$215 MILLION**

Funding desperately needed to bolster California's Immigration Legal Services Programs **\$50 MILLION**

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CORRECTIONS CUTS CAN HELP FUND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

ANNUAL SAVINGS FROM CLOSING FIVE PRISONS:

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Funding needed to **double** proposed 2026-27 General Fund investment in Environmental Protection

\$122 MILLION

Funding needed to sustain the Disadvantaged Communities Single Family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) Program through 2030

\$45 MILLION

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Funding needed to support University of California (UC) food pantries³

\$50 MILLION

Funding needed for emergency Basic Needs allocation to UC schools³

\$20 MILLION

Funding needed to support the Underground Scholars Initiative³

\$2.5 MILLION

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