



# Total H.R. 1 County Multi-Year Budget Request

H.R. 1 represents a fundamental shift of fiscal responsibility for safety net programs from the federal government to states and counties.

The table below outlines California Counties' Multi-Year Budget Request for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 fiscal years.

|  | 2026-27              | 2027-28              |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Indigent Care *</b>   | \$761 million        | \$2.4 billion        |
| Funds state mandated, subsistence level care assuming 33% percent of those losing Medi-Cal coverage due to work requirements seek this care and are eligible for services.                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Public Hospital Systems</b>   | \$500 million        | \$850 million        |
| Begins stabilizing public hospital system revenues and protecting patient care.  |                      |                      |
| <b>County Eligibility</b>  | \$373 million        | \$402 million        |
| Funds implementation of new eligibility requirements for Medi-Cal and CalFresh and robust screening and supports to maximize the number of individuals who can retain coverage and assistance. |                      |                      |
| <b>County Behavioral Health</b>  | \$224 million        | \$828 million        |
| Funds behavioral health services for individuals who will lose Medi-Cal coverage and seek services from counties.  |                      |                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1.9 billion</b> | <b>\$4.5 billion</b> |

\* Note that the indigent care request includes \$200 million in 2026-27 in one-time infrastructure building funds, to be available for expenditure over three years, and \$50 million in each year for increased county public health costs to provide services to those who lose health care coverage.

## Key Facts

- This request assumes that county indigent care programs serve 33% of the people who lose Medi-Cal coverage due to community engagement requirements.
- Counties would provide indigent care services to approximately 417,000 people.
- Roughly 880,000 people who lose state Medi-Cal coverage due to work requirements would likely have no health care coverage.



Healthcare



Food



# California Counties' H.R. 1 Multi-Year Budget Request

In order to ensure that individuals and families continue to have access to medical care and nutrition benefits, the state budget must provide a significant, multi-year investment to counties to prevent critical harm from occurring in California's communities.

- In February 2026, county partners collectively released an [H.R. 1 Fact Sheet](#) detailing a range of \$6 billion to \$9.5 billion annual fiscal impact at full implementation to counties. This fact sheet provides a range of costs due to the uncertainty related to the actual number of Californians who will go to counties for services they would have otherwise received from the state.
- Since the fact sheet's release, county partners have worked to educate legislators, the administration and the public on the essential work counties will be required to perform on behalf of the state to meet the needs of California communities as they begin to implement H.R. 1.
- Providing resources to mitigate the detrimental impacts of H.R. 1 is a structural part of the state's budget and one of the overarching issues that must be addressed this budget year and the years moving forward.
- Counties are not able to address these impacts on our own and a true partnership over a multi-year period with the state is needed in order to prevent our safety net from crumbling.
- California counties request \$1.9 billion in 2026-27 and \$4.5 billion in 2027-28 to address the impacts of H.R. 1. See the additional coalition document for a more detailed description and analysis of the budget resources needed for counties to continue serving our communities.



Healthcare



Food