

The logo features the words "CALIFORNIA" in orange and "COMEBACK PLAN" in white, set against a blue rectangular background. This central element is flanked by two horizontal orange bars.

CALIFORNIA COMEBACK PLAN

INVESTING IN THE BLACK & BROWN COMMUNITY

- **Largest state tax rebate, small business support, and rent relief programs in the country.**
 - **Highest level of state school funding in California history, and higher education investments to increase opportunities across the board.**
 - **Targeted investments to revitalize communities and improve safety and resiliency, and making historic investments in homelessness.**
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California's recovery is underway, with the state reopened after achieving the most vaccinations in the entire country, and now we're [leading the nation's economic recovery](#). But we still have a long way to go and can't be satisfied with just returning to the way things were. **Governor Newsom's \$100 billion California Comeback Plan is the comprehensive strategy needed to address the state's most persistent challenges and ensure California comes back from this pandemic stronger than before.**

With black and brown communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, California's recovery requires inclusive and targeted investments that advance the health and resilience of all our diverse communities. Governor Newsom's plan provides immediate relief for Californians with the **biggest state tax rebate in American history** and helps low-income renters pay **100% of their back-rent and covers past-due utility bills**. Moreover, Governor Newsom is confronting homelessness with **\$12 billion to increase homeless housing and services**.

Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan makes new investments in displaced workers, small businesses and regional strategies for economic resilience; a reimagined school system to meet the holistic needs of students; and robust investments to make college more accessible and affordable. In addition, the Plan expands and improves access to health care and advances initiatives to clean, revitalize and improve safety in neighborhoods across the state.

In addition to these targeted intervention strategies, the California Comeback Plan has one overarching goal – hit fast forward on our state's recovery by directly confronting California's most pressing challenges:

- **Providing Immediate Relief for Those Hardest Hit by COVID-19**
- **Confronting the Homelessness & Housing Affordability Crisis**
- **Transforming Public Schools as Gateways for Opportunity**
- **Building Infrastructure for the Next Century**
- **Combating Wildfires & Tackling Climate Change**

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KEY INVESTMENTS IN THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY:

IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR CALIFORNIA FAMILIES

- **Expansion of the Golden State Stimulus**, the biggest state tax rebate in American history, with 2 out of every 3 Californians eligible to receive a stimulus check of at least \$600 and an additional \$500 if you have kids.
- **The largest statewide renter assistance in the country**, providing \$5.2 billion to help low-income renters cover 100% of back-rent and rent for several months in the future, and \$2 billion for past-due utility and water bills.
- **Largest small business relief program in the nation**, investing an additional \$1.5 billion for a total of \$4 billion in direct grants to California's small businesses – on top of a massive \$6.2 billion tax cut – putting more money directly into the pockets of hundreds of thousands of small business owners and helping them re-hire workers displaced by the pandemic.
- **\$2 billion to help Californians pay their overdue water and utility bills.**
- **\$380 million to increase the safety net support for low-income families**, by expanding the existing CalWORKS Housing Support Program by \$190 million in 2021-22 and \$190 million in 2022-23, in addition to \$141.9 million this year to increase CalWORKs maximum aid levels by 5.3%.
- **\$35 million for Guaranteed Income Pilot Programs** over five years, targeting former foster youth, pregnant or parent foster youth, and low-income Californians.

TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTO GATEWAYS FOR OPPORTUNITY:

- **Universal transitional kindergarten by 2025**, phasing in access for all four-year-olds, regardless of income or immigration status, growing to \$2.7 billion in the 2025-26 school year.
- **\$4.3 billion over five years to transform the youth behavioral health system (ages 0-25)** to identify and treat behavioral health needs early, including trauma, depression, anxiety, psychological disorders and substance use.
- **\$2.9 billion to match well-prepared teachers with the most vulnerable students**, including \$500 million for grants to teachers who commit to teach at high-need schools and \$250 million for incentives to attract National Board Certified teachers to high-poverty schools.
- **\$3 billion to convert thousands of local educational agencies into full-service community schools**, with wraparound mental health, social, and family services.
- **\$1.9 billion to seed 3.5 million college saving accounts through CalKIDS**, including providing \$500 base deposits for public school students from low-income families, English learners, and foster youth, plus \$170 million ongoing for incoming first-graders who fit the same criteria.
- **\$1.8 billion to provide summer and after-school programs** at all schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students by 2025, growing to \$5 billion for the 2025-26 school year.
- **\$6 billion to increase broadband infrastructure, access, and affordability** — a critical step to bringing communities together and improving educational outcomes.

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DOUBLING DOWN ON HIGHER EDUCATION:

- **Requiring high schools to certify that all seniors complete the FAFSA or CADAA application**, thereby expanding access to federal and state financial aid.
- **Improving graduation rates and closing equity gaps** — The Budget sets the stage for Governor Newsom's intent to establish multi-year agreements with UC, CSU and CCCs which will set ambitious goals for improving graduation rates and eliminating equity gaps.
- **Up to \$2 billion to support student housing projects** at the UC, CSU and CCCs, which will drive down the rising cost of student housing.
- **\$500 million over a two-year period to establish a Learning-Aligned Employment program at the UC, CSU, and CCCs**, which will provide underrepresented students with demonstrated financial need with work experience and industry connections in their intended fields.
- **\$146 million to create the Californians For All College Service Program**, providing 6,250 part-time service opportunities for college students. Participants will receive a stipend of up to \$7,000 and a scholarship of up to \$3,000. Part of this funding will go through the **Dreamer Service Incentive Grant program**.
- **\$115M for the CCCs for Open Educational Resources (OER)**, which will help address the rising cost of textbooks.
- **\$42 million to increase support for equity-focused programs at the CCCs**, including Umoja, MESA, Puente, EOPs, and transfer pathways to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- **\$22.5 million to increase support for Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships programs** at UC campuses.
- **\$15 million to support vocational training and ESL programs in libraries.**

FOSTERING STRONGER, SAFER, MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITIES:

- **\$500 million over three years to fund clean up of contaminated sites statewide**, plus \$290.7 million to clean up nearly 2740 homes surrounding the Exide facility and \$132 million to complete closure work at the Exide facility.
- **An increase of \$552 million to expand outdoor access to all Californians**, building on \$82 million proposed in the Governor's Budget. These investments will expand environmental education, improve access, enhance and restore state parks through restoration and climate resilience efforts, and increase recreation opportunities for Californians.
- **\$200 million to invest in community-based responses to violence** through the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program.
- **\$60 million over three years to implement the California Creative Corps Pilot Program**, which will fuel positivity, regain public trust and inspire safe and healthy behavior across California's diverse populations through a media, outreach and engagement campaign to increase vaccine adoption
- **\$439 million for an equity-focused matching grant programs to support local libraries.**
- **\$40 million over three years to support the Arts Council's Creative Youth Development programs.** The Arts Council will use partnerships between CBOs, educators and local artists to expand participation in programs statewide.
- **\$25 million to permanently fund the Listos grant program in addition to creating an Office of Equity at CalOES.** These efforts will build resiliency by strengthening connections between

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vulnerable Californians and the emergency response network to meet community needs before, during and after a disaster.

INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESSES, WORKERS AND THE ECONOMY:

- **More than \$4 billion for small businesses, including \$50 million for microbusinesses and sidewalk vendors and \$35 million for the California Dream Fund**, which will provide micro-grants of up to \$10,000 seed entrepreneurship and small business creation in underserved small business groups that are facing opportunity gaps, including communities of color, immigrant Californians and Californians that speak limited English.
- **\$600 million for a community economic resilience fund**, which will support regional specific economic transition strategies and to bolster job-creating industries in key sectors of regions most affected by the transition to carbon neutrality.
- **\$200 million for additional training opportunities for home care workers**
- **\$185 million for youth employment opportunities**, to be allocated or awarded to cities or counties for the purpose of expanding youth volunteer, service, and job opportunities. This includes a 1:1 match for local workforce development funding.
- **\$100 million for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs)**, which builds on the \$25 million in the Governor's January budget proposal, adding \$75 million for a total of \$100 million for HRTPs. Many of these programs will target those industries hit hardest by COVID-19, such as hospitality and property services. Other partnerships will target industries in transition, such as advanced manufacturing, or those critical to the state's other policy efforts, such as health care, trade, transportation and logistics.
- **\$65 million to support training opportunities** through the Employment Training Panel for new and incumbent workers and address skills gaps in economically disadvantaged regions

PRIORITIZING HEALTH EQUITY

- **\$67.3 million to expand Medi-Cal to all eligible Californians 50 years and older**, regardless of immigration status, no sooner than May 1, 2022.
- **Add doula services and community health workers as covered services in Medi-Cal**, beginning January 1, 2022 at the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.
- **\$63.1 million to improve health equity outcomes**, by continuing the CA Reducing Disparities Project.
- **\$20.3 million to improve and deliver language access services across the spectrum of Health and Human Services programs**. This proposal would build on a 2021 budget proposal by the Governor for the Health and Human Services Agency to develop and implement an HHS-wide policy framework to improve language access standards across programs and services.
- **Extension of Medi-Cal eligibility for postpartum individuals from 60 days to 12 months.**
- **Phasing in the elimination of the Medi-Cal asset test** for older adults and persons with disabilities.
- **\$151.1 million (\$53.3 million General Fund) in 2021-22 for the extension of telehealth flexibilities** allowed during the federal public health emergency—including payment parity for



audio-only modalities—through December 2022, and for coverage of remote patient monitoring.