

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025-2026 SIMULATION SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 69

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Introduced by Senator Cortese  
October 01, 2025

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The purpose of this bill is to establish the Affordable Housing Local Partnership Grant Program to increase the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing through matching state and local funds.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 69, as introduced, Cortese. Affordable housing: local partnership grants.

Existing law establishes housing programs under the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist low- and moderate-income households.

This bill would create the Affordable Housing Local Partnership Grant Program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The program would provide matching state funds to cities and counties that commit local funds to construct, rehabilitate, or preserve affordable housing. The bill would appropriate \$300,000,000 annually from the General Fund for this purpose.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

#### SECTION 1. Section 50251

(a) The Affordable Housing Local Partnership Grant Program is hereby created within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(b) The department shall award matching grants to cities and counties that commit local funds to:

(1) Construct affordable housing.

(2) Rehabilitate existing housing to preserve affordability.

(3) Acquire properties for conversion into affordable rental units.

(c) Local jurisdictions shall ensure long-term affordability protections for at least 55

years for rental housing and 30 years for ownership housing.

(d) The sum of \$300,000,000 is hereby appropriated annually from the General Fund for the purposes of this program.

## SECTION 2. Section 50252

(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall develop procedures for grant applications, evaluations, and awards under this program.

(b) Priority shall be given to jurisdictions that demonstrate effective leveraging of local and state funds to maximize affordable housing outcomes.

(c) The department shall require grant recipients to report annually on project status, progress, and use of funds.

(d) The department shall coordinate with other state and local entities to align affordable housing efforts.

## Section 3:

The Department of Housing and Community Development shall, on or before January 31 of each year, submit a written report to the Legislature that includes:

(a) An overview of the grants awarded under the program.

(b) A summary of the status and progress of affordable housing projects funded through the program.

(c) An assessment of the program's impact on affordable housing availability and preservation.

(d) Recommendations for any necessary legislative or administrative changes to improve the program's effectiveness.