

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025-2026 SIMULATION SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 45

Introduced by Senator Ashby

October 1, 2025

A bill to establish a grant program that provides targeted funding for neighborhood safety and clean-up projects in Sacramento, including improved lighting fixtures, graffiti removal, park maintenance, and encampment clean-up support, using existing county community enhancement funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 45, as introduced, Senator Ashby. Sacramento Neighborhood Safety & Clean-Up Act.

Existing law and funds, Local Public Safety Fund, CA Govt Code § 30052 (2024), provide for local public safety and enhancement of these methods through county and city budgets, often coordinated by county public works departments, code enforcement, and neighborhood associations. However, many Sacramento neighborhoods face ongoing issues with unsafe parks, broken lighting, illegal dumping, graffiti, and encampments that affect residents' quality of life and increase crime risks. Under section 30052 of the Local Public Safety fund, the currently sponsored uses are Public Safety Services. SB # will allocate funds to more associations and communities within Sacramento.

This bill would create the Sacramento Neighborhood Safety & Clean-Up Grant Program, administered by the Sacramento County Department of Community Development, in coordination with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Public Works Department. The program would award small grants (up to \$100,000 each) to neighborhood associations, nonprofits, and local school-community partnerships for clean-up and safety improvement projects. The bill would appropriate \$1 million in existing Sacramento County Community Enhancement funds for FY 2025–26. No new state General Fund appropriation is required.

Vote: 2/3rds: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Committee: Yes Local Program: Yes

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

SECTION 1. Purpose and Findings

(a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

- (1) Neighborhood safety and cleanliness directly impact community well-being, youth development, and local economic activity.
- (2) Sacramento County neighborhoods face ongoing challenges, including unsafe parks, broken lighting fixtures, illegal dumping, graffiti, and encampments.
- (3) Current allocations under Government Code § 30052 do not fully address these issues at a local neighborhood level.
- (4) Allocating additional funds to community-based associations and nonprofits will empower local groups to implement targeted safety and clean-up projects.
- (5) Local communities will feel inclined to participate and establish a larger connection among themselves while improving Sacramento.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Program

(a) There is hereby established the Sacramento Neighborhood Safety & Clean-Up Grant Program, administered by the Sacramento County Department of Community Development.

(b) Eligible applicants shall include:

(1) Recognized neighborhood associations.

(2) Nonprofit organizations engaged in community improvement and support.

(3) Partnerships between public schools and community groups.

(c) Eligible projects shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Streetlight installation or repair.

(2) Graffiti removal.

(3) Illegal dumping clean-up.

(4) Park and playground maintenance.

(5) Support for safe encampment clean-up and relocation efforts coordinated with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

SECTION 3. Appropriation and Funding

(a) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated from the Local Public Safety Fund (CA Government Code § 30052) for FY 2025–26 to fund this program.

(b) Grants shall not exceed \$100,000 per applicant.

(c) No new state General Fund appropriation shall be required.

SECTION 4. Implementation and Reporting

(a) The Sacramento County Department of Community Development shall oversee program administration, including application review, fund distribution, and compliance monitoring.

(b) The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Works shall provide technical support for safety and infrastructure projects.

(c) By January 1 of each year during the program, the Department of Community Development shall submit a report to the Legislature summarizing:

(1) The number of projects funded.

(2) Types of improvements completed. (3) Estimated benefits to safety and community well-being.