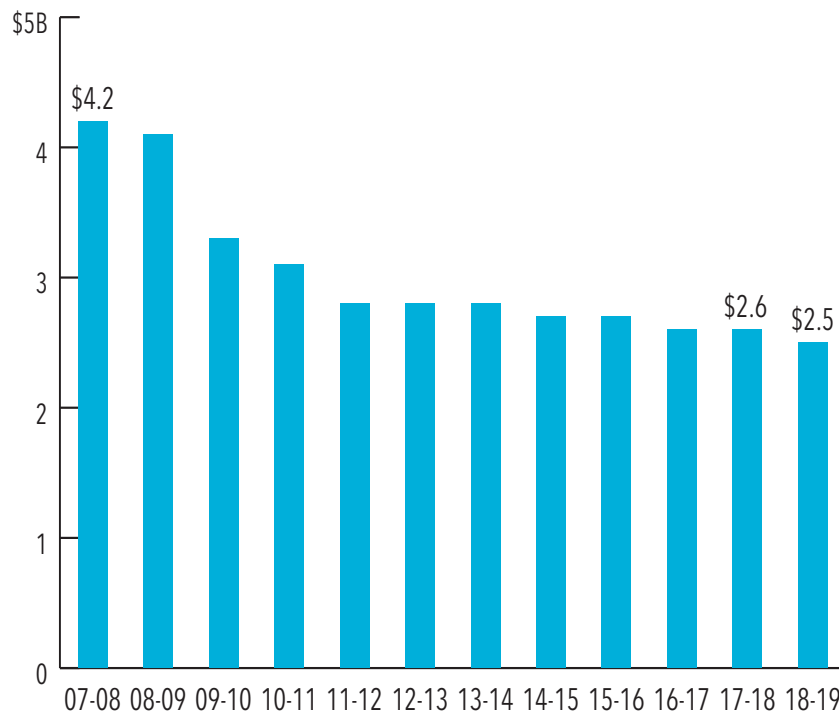




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## Due to Budget Cuts, State Spending for SSI/SSP Grants Is About 40% Below the 2007-08 Level

General Fund Expenditures in Billions, Inflation-Adjusted



Note: Figures are in 2018-19 dollars. All figures are state estimates except for 2018-19, which reflects the Governor's proposed expenditure level.

Source: Department of Social Services

- **Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplementary Payment (SSI/ SSP) grants are a critical source of basic income for low-income Californians.** SSI/SSP grants help well over 1 million seniors and people with disabilities pay for basic necessities such as housing and food. (People enrolled in SSI/SSP are not eligible for CalFresh food assistance.)

- **Deep cuts to the state's SSP portion – which largely remain in place – have reduced annual state support for SSI/SSP by more than \$1 billion.** State spending on the SSP portion has dropped from \$4.2 billion in 2007-08 to \$2.6 billion in 2017-18, after adjusting for inflation. State spending would remain at recession-era levels in 2018-19 under the Governor's proposal.

- **State policymakers must decide whether to maintain recession-era spending.** State cuts generate well over \$1 billion in annual General Fund "savings," but jeopardize the well-being of more than 1 million Californians.

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