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

- 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.

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