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CalWORKs Grants in California: Key Context and Recent Trends

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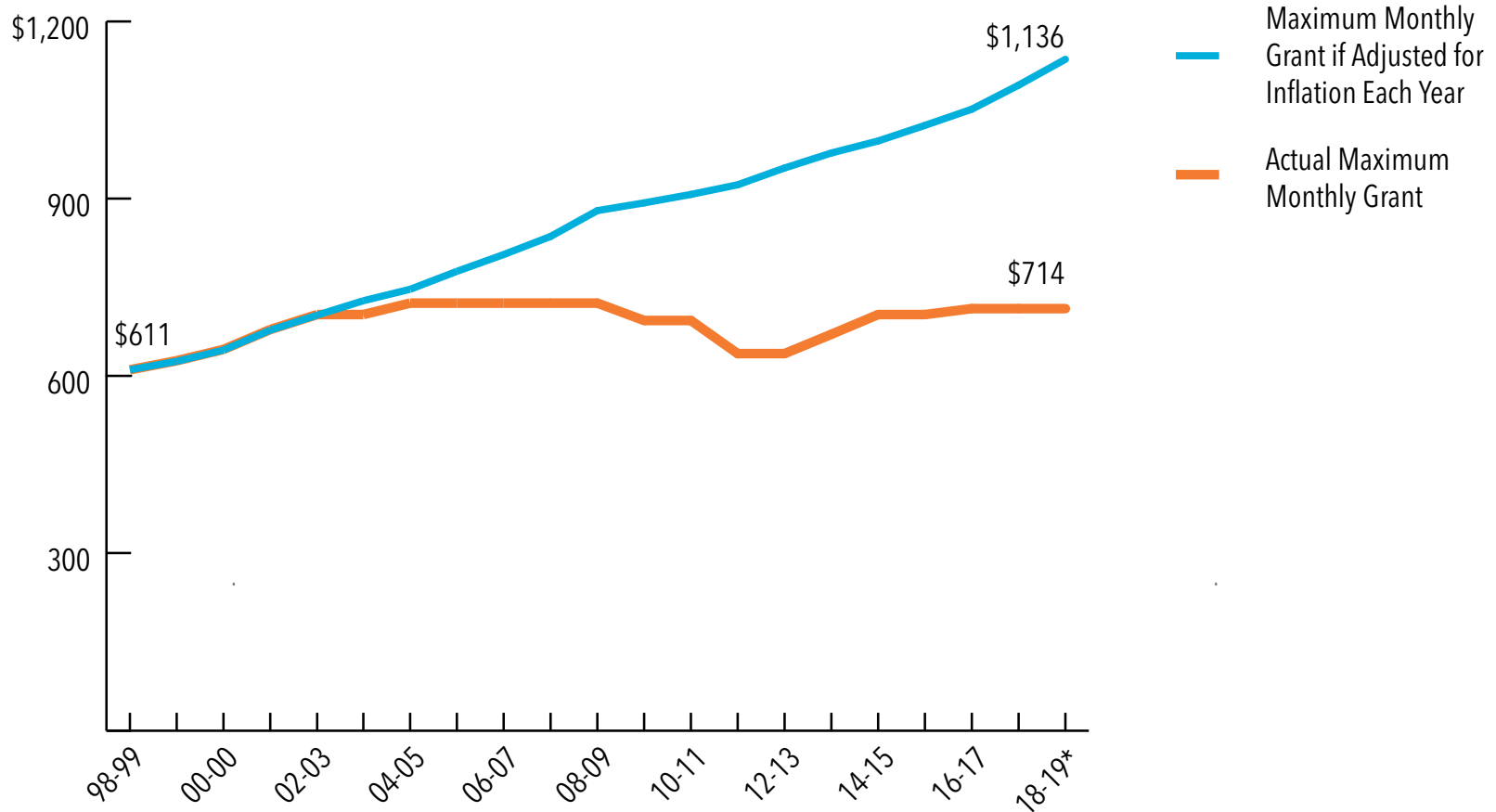
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The CalWORKs Grant Has Lost More Than One-Third of Its Purchasing Power Since 1998-99

Maximum Monthly CalWORKs Grant for a Family of Three in a High-Cost County



* 2018-19 proposed.

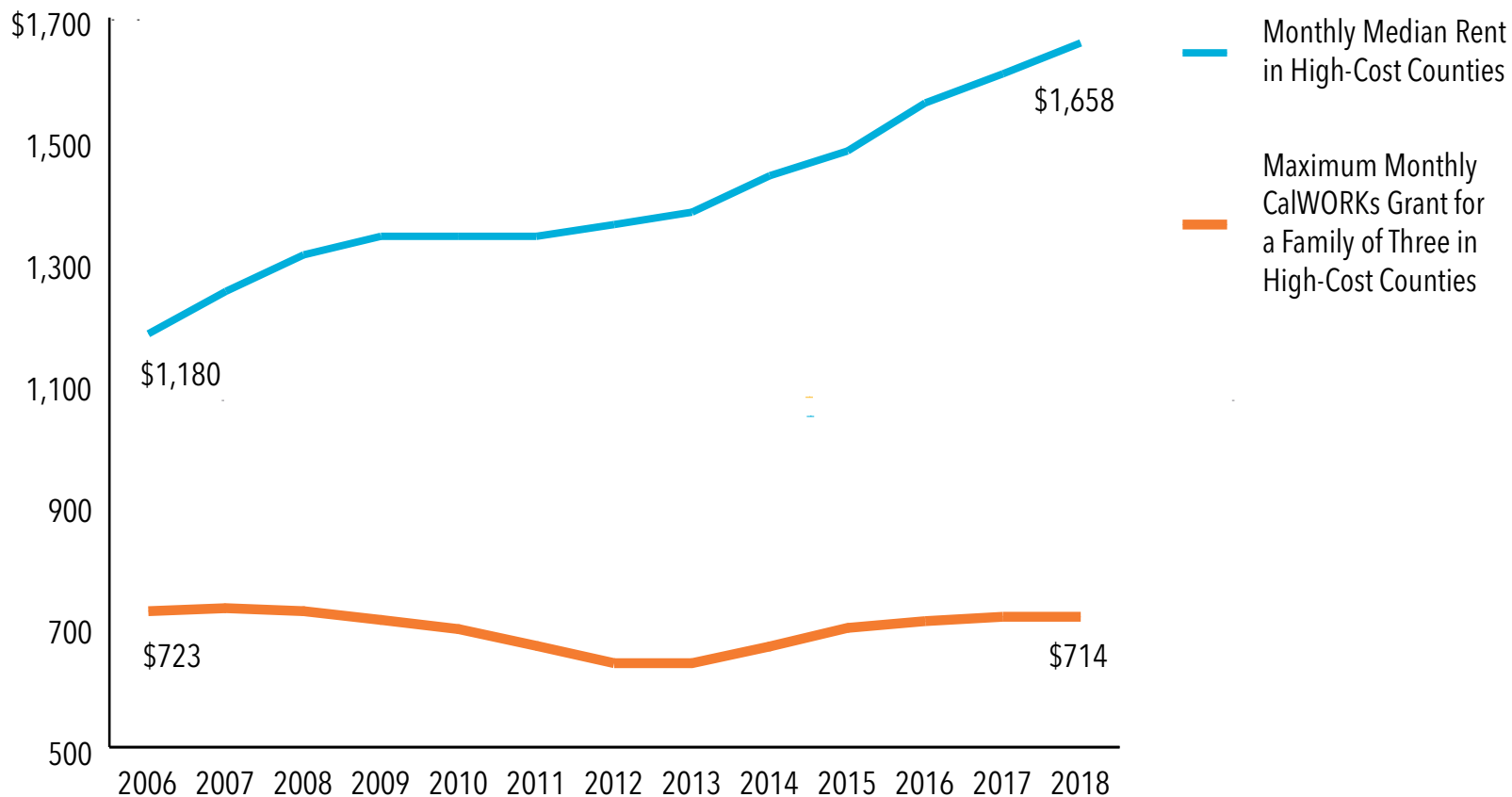
Note: The Governor's proposed budget does not provide a grant increase in 2018-19. Inflation adjustment is based on the California Necessities Index. CalWORKs was implemented in 1998.

Source: Budget Center analysis of Department of Social Services data



The Median Rent in High-Cost Counties Has Far Outpaced Maximum CalWORKs Grants in Recent Years

Maximum Monthly CalWORKs Grant Compared to Median Monthly Rent for a Two-Bedroom

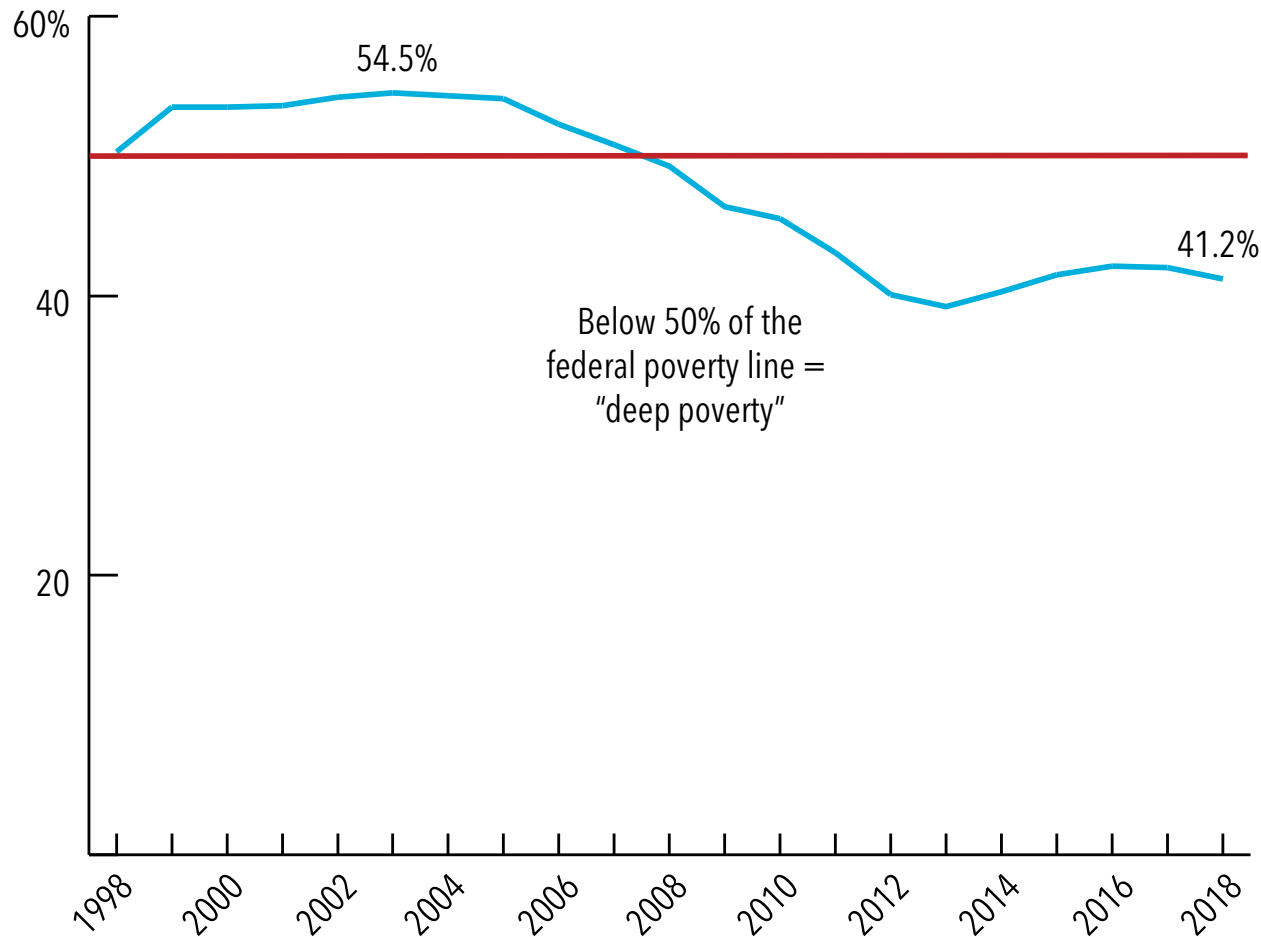


Note: Rent reflects gross rent, which includes utilities and fuels. For 2017 and 2018, rent is estimated based on the compound annual growth rate between 2011 and 2016. The Governor's proposed budget assumes no increase to CalWORKs grants in the 2018-19 fiscal year.
Source: Department of Social Services; Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data



Without an Increase in 2018-19, CalWORKs Grants Will Be Below the Deep-Poverty Line for the Eleventh Straight Year

Annualized Maximum Grant for a Family of Three as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Line

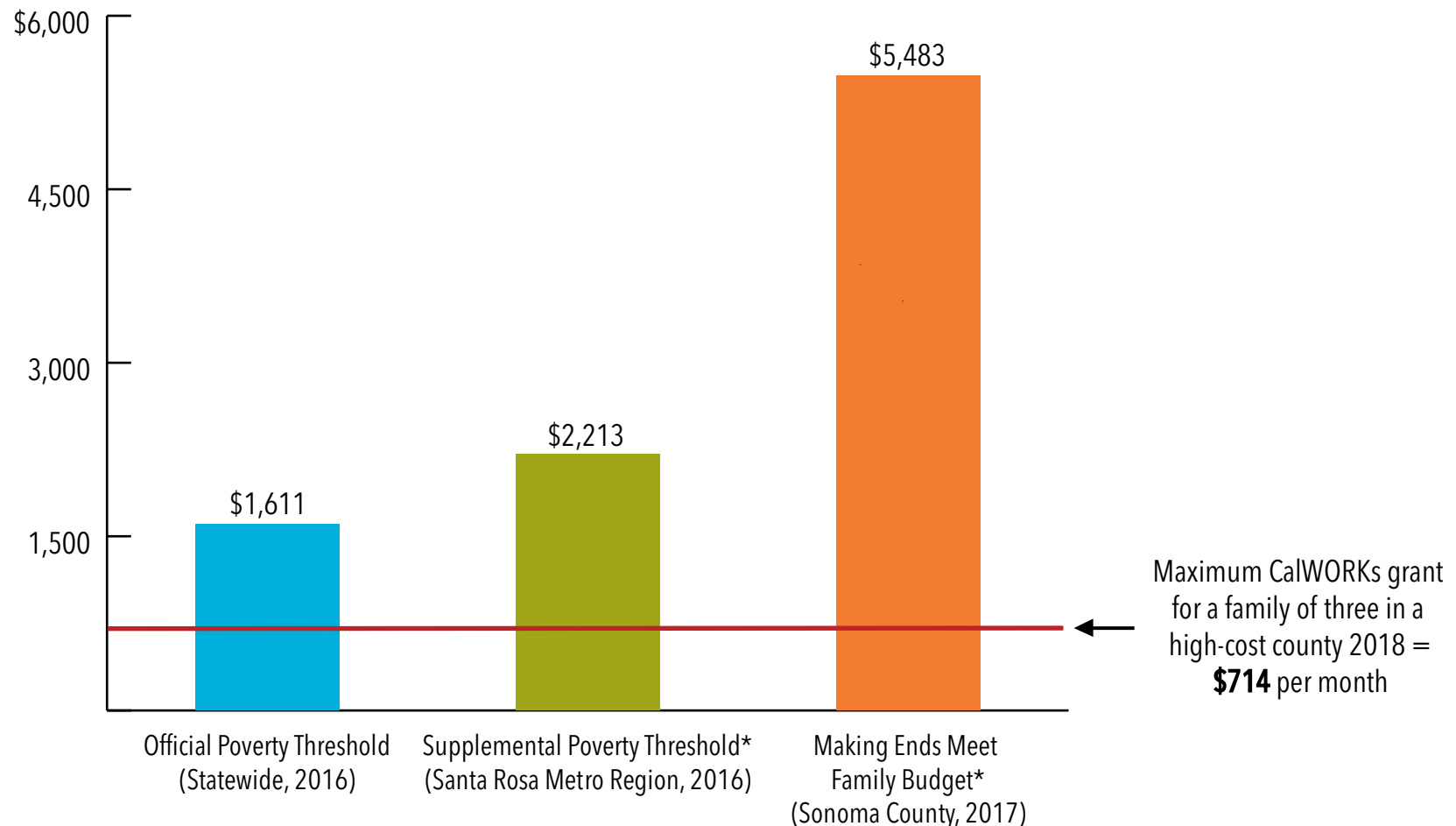


Note: Grants are for high-cost counties. The proposed 2018-19 budget does not increase grant levels.
Source: Budget Center analysis of Department of Social Services, US Department of Health and Human Services, and US Social Security Administration data



CalWORKs Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and the Income Needed to Afford the Basics: Santa Rosa Area

Poverty Thresholds and Basic Budget for a One-Parent Family With Two Children, Per Month



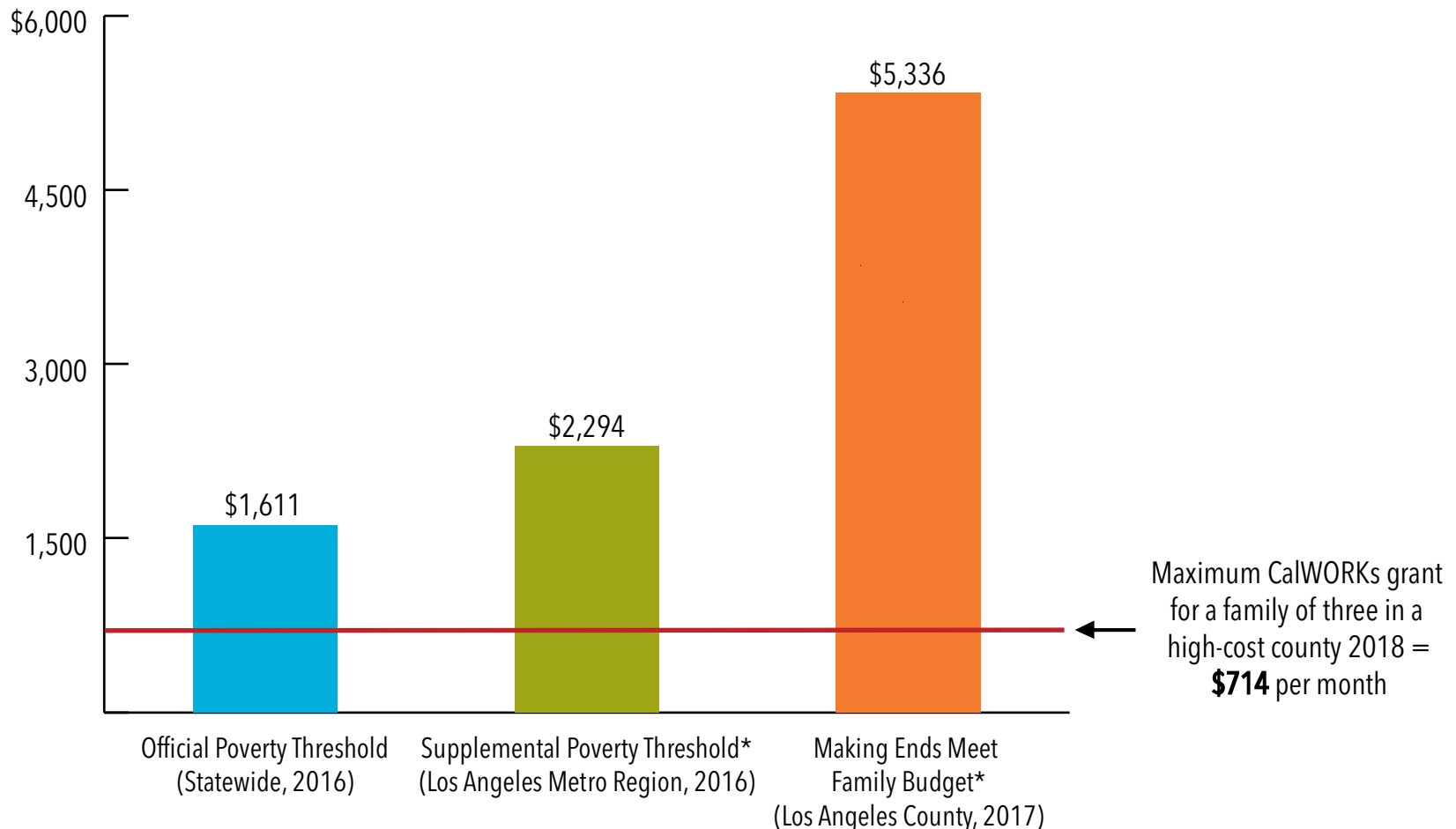
* For a family who rents their home.

Source: California Budget & Policy Center, Making Ends Meet; Department of Social Services; and US Census Bureau



CalWORK Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and the Income Needed to Afford the Basics: Los Angeles Area

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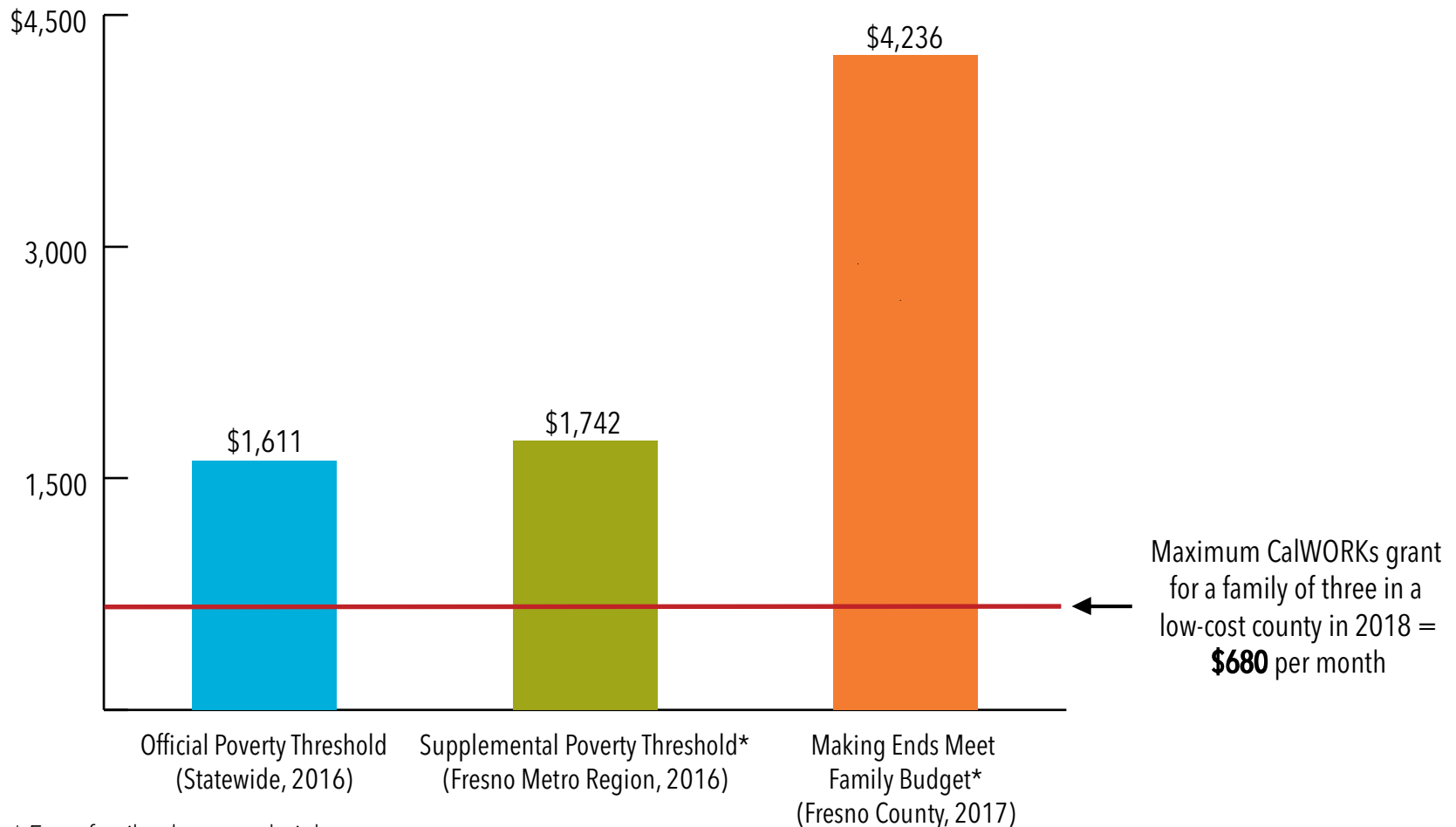
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CalWORKs Grant Falls Short of Poverty Thresholds and the Income Needed to Afford the Basics: Fresno Area

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