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| LeadingAge California Applauds Housing Funding for Older Adults in Governor’s Budget Proposal |

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| **Contact for LeadingAge California:** Melanie Ripley, mripley@leadingageca.org  **January 8, 2021 Sacramento, CA -**Today, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the release of the [2021-2022 budget proposal](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf) which included significant investments in aging services. In particular, the plan proposes $250 million to expand facilities to support housing for older adults and $5 million to support the recommendations from the [Master Plan for Aging](https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/), released earlier this week. LeadingAge California President and CEO Jeannee Parker Martin, the state’s leading advocate for nonprofit senior living and care providers, issued the following statement today in response to the budget: “The pandemic’s devastating impact on older adults underscores the urgent need to provide long-term investments in preparation for the state’s rapidly aging population. We applaud Governor Newsom for proposing a budget that includes funding for affordable senior housing that will support the unique health care needs of vulnerable older Californians. Housing is essential to their health and wellbeing – for many it is the only place where older adults can access and receive care – and California’s housing crisis has hit them the hardest. Coupled with the recently announced Master Plan for Aging, this investment will help ensure all Californians have the resources they need to age with dignity.”###**About LeadingAge California**: [LeadingAge California](https://www.leadingageca.org/) represents California’s broadest spectrum of providers of housing, care and services, serving hundreds of thousands of older adults and nearly 700 providers of care. It launched the [Age On. Rage On.](https://ageonrageon.com/) campaign to spotlight the urgent need to develop a Master Plan for Aging in California. [Click here to read the latest news by LeadingAge California](http://engageheadlines.com/).  |

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