

AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING

STUDENT STORIES

Namod Pallek

"One of the challenges in higher education is the lack of access to affordable student housing and the foundation of housing is needed for success in higher education."

Former student at San Diego Miramar, and the former Region X Communications Director



Kari S.

"I would have more time to study or take care of errands, and other responsibilities. As a single mother of two, this would be extremely beneficial in managing my daily schedule."

Student at Napa Valley Community College



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Summary

The Affordable Student Housing Grant Program was established as part of the 2021-22 California Budget to address the state's shortage of affordable housing for students.

This program allows California Community Colleges to apply for grants over three rounds, focusing on both planning and construction of student housing. The first round of grants was funded in the 2022-23 budget, with subsequent rounds proposed for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets. The administration of the program was transferred from the Department of Finance to the Chancellor's Office, which now handles the application and evaluation process.





**Steps 1-8:
Application Process
for Round Three
Construction Grants**



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Understand the Program:

The Affordable Student Housing Grant Program is designed to support the development of affordable student housing at California Community Colleges.

This round focuses on construction grants for the 2024-25 budget.

Table 1: Round-One Affordable Student Housing Grants, awarded in 2022-23

Round One Awardee	State Investment	Beds for Low-Income Students
Fresno City College	\$34,080,000	350
College of the Siskiyous	\$32,613,000	252
Ventura College	\$62,923,000	320
Sierra College	\$80,497,000	354
Napa Valley College	\$31,000,000	124
Santa Rosa Junior College	\$15,000,000	70
Cosumnes River College	\$44,144,000	145
Compton College	\$80,389,000	250
Lake Tahoe Community College	\$39,369,000	100
Bakersfield College	\$60,245,000	154
College of the Canyons	\$61,858,000	100
Imperial Valley College/ CSU San Diego*	\$4,554,000	51
Total	\$546,672,000	2,270

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Review Eligibility and Scoring Criteria:

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with the ranking and scoring metrics established in Senate Bill 169 (2021) and Assembly Bill 183 (2022)
- ▶ These metrics are used by the Chancellor's Office to evaluate application



Ranking Methodology



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Gather Required Information:



Ensure you have all necessary documents and data related to your proposed student housing project. This may include planning documents, site details, cost estimates, and any other relevant information.



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Access the Application Platform:

Applications must be submitted through the newly developed Student Housing module in the statewide online facilities planning tool, Facilities Utilization, Space Inventory Option Net (FUSION)



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Complete the Application:

- ▶ Log in to FUSION and navigate to the Student Housing module.
- ▶ Fill out the application form, providing all requested information. Attach any required documents and ensure they meet the specified criteria.



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Submit the Application:

- Once you have completed the application, review it carefully to ensure all information is accurate and complete
- Submit the application through the FUSION platform before the specified deadline.

Characteristics of Top Affordable Student Housing Applications Proposed for 2023-24



Total beds proposed: **3,783**



Intersegmental projects with UC campuses:
33% of applications



Local investment: **\$458 million**



Student support spaces and co-located services:
100% of applications



Average rental rates **13% lower** than AMI rental computation

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Wait for Evaluation and Legislative Decision:

- ▶ After submission, your application will be evaluated using the established scoring rubric.
- ▶ The Chancellor's Office will provide their evaluation to the California Legislature, which has the final authority to select applications for funding in the 2024-25 California Budget Act.





Follow Up:

- ▶ Stay informed about the progress of your application by checking updates from the Chancellor's Office.
- ▶ Be prepared to provide any additional information or clarification if requested.



Now that you have reviewed this layout:
by following the steps, you can
effectively apply for the Round Three
Affordable Student Housing
Construction Grants.
Click the link below to begin.

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