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ADAP Advocacy Aghast Over CA Governor's Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

State AIDS Drug Assistance Program would be raided by \$500 million

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy today issued the following statement by **CEO Brandon M. Macsata**:

“ADAP Advocacy is *deeply* concerned over California Governor Gavin Newsom’s [proposed 2024-2025 budget](#) because it attempts to balance the state’s growing budget deficit by exploiting safety net programs, including the State AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). A proposed budgetary loan of \$500 million from the state’s ADAP Rebate Fund to the General Fund sets a very dangerous precedent in a progressive state, but it represents the latest attempt by politicians to raid ADAP-related funds for things other than providing care and treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS. We’ve already witnessed attempts at the federal level to divert ADAP funding from HIV care to HIV prevention with the [greed-drive Ryan White PrEP Availability Act](#), as well as at the state level, such as New York, trying to [manipulate already limited HIV-related funding](#). ADAP Advocacy urges California lawmakers to oppose any financial shenanigans misusing funds designated for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.”

All details of the California budget proposal can be found at www.ebudget.ca.gov and the governor’s press release can be viewed [here](#). California's budget is \$291.5 billion in state funds.

To learn more about ADAP Advocacy, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or the California Governor's Proposed 2024-2025 Budget, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About ADAP Advocacy: ADAP Advocacy’s mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP Advocacy works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies, and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.