

LIFT OUR KIDS

Please Co-Sponsor an Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty

Rep. Decker & Sen. DiDomenico

HD 1158 / SD 430

This bill sets a floor for cash assistance benefits at 50% of the federal poverty level.

- “Deep poverty” is income below *half* the federal poverty level - \$915/month for a family of three.
- The Legislature took the historic first step of raising benefits by 10% in the FY 21 budget. But the maximum TAFDC grant for a family of three is still only \$652/month.
- The EAEDC grant for a single disabled or elderly person is only \$334/month.
- The bill raises the maximum grant by 20% a year until it reaches 50% of poverty.

How much will this cost?

- \$38.9M for TAFDC in FY 22; \$16.7 M for EAEDC.



“It is really hard to live on so little money. By the middle of the month I have zero benefits left.”

--R.S., parent

“Toward the end of the month, there will be days I don’t eat to make sure (my son) eats, because that’s my son. I have to make sure that he has.”

--T.F., parent

Deep Poverty hurts kids!

- Health and emotional damage
- Impaired school performance
- Homelessness & housing instability

Please support our lowest-income children and families.

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Supporting Organizations



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Alliance of MA YWCAs
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Amherst Survival Center
ARISE for Social Justice
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)
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Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Teachers Union
Brazilian Women's Group
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Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
Cape Cod Children's Place
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Central West Justice Center
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Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Chinese Progressive Association
City Mission Boston
Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.
Coalition for Social Justice
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Community Action Pioneer Valley
Cradles to Crayons
Crossroads Family Center
De Novo Center for Justice and Healing
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham
DotHouse Health
DOVE
East Boston Social Centers
Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
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Fenway Health/AIDS Action Committee
Greater Boston Food Bank
Greater Boston Legal Services
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Heading Home, Inc.
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Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.
Horizons for Homeless Children
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health, Somerville
Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc.
Jane Doe Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Jumpstart
Justice Center of Southeast MA
Justice Resource Institute
JVS Boston
Lawrence Community Works
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MassCAP)
Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)
Massachusetts Association for Mental Health
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Community Action Network
Massachusetts Head Start Association
Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Nurses Association
Mass. PPD Fund
Massachusetts School Nurse Organization, Inc.
Massachusetts Teachers Association
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Merrimack Valley Project
Metro Boston Housing
Metrowest Legal Services
MLPB
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National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter
New England Jewish Labor Committee
North Shore Postpartum Help
Northeast Justice Center
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics
Nurtury
On Solid Ground Coalition
One Family, Inc.
Open Pantry Community Services Inc.
Parenting Journey
Parents Union of Massachusetts
Pathways for Children
Poor People's United Fund
Progressive Massachusetts
Project Bread
Project Hope
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
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Somerville Homeless Coalition
Springfield No One Leaves
Springfield Partners for Community Action
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StreetCred
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The Home for Little Wanderers
The Neighborhood Developers
The Open Door
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Union of Minority Neighborhoods
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United South End Settlements
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley
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Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, Inc.
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Witnesses to Hunger, Boston
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Food Policy Council
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