

# LIFT OUR KIDS

## Families in Deep Poverty Need Immediate Short Term Relief

### Please co-sponsor Rep. Decker's Amd. # 7 to the FY 20 Supplemental Budget

#### Families who receive cash assistance can't afford the extra costs of the pandemic.

- Cash assistance benefits are only \$593 a month for a family of 3 with no countable income – less than one-third of the federal poverty level.
- Families who were struggling before are having an even harder time now.

#### The proposal would provide a one-time supplemental cash assistance payment.

- Seven other states have already done this: AL, CO, IL, NC, OK, RI, and WV.
- The one-time payment (cost \$27.5 M) can be paid for with federal Coronavirus Relief Fund money.
- The Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities approved the bill, H.4622, on April 15.

#### Cash assistance beneficiaries can't pay for--

- A week's groceries at once to reduce the frequency of shopping trips
- Extra toilet paper, soap and cleaning supplies needed because people are home all day
- Snacks and meals for kids who are home all day
- More cell phone minutes and better internet access
- An Uber or Lyft ride if they need to avoid public transit

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# Supporting Organizations



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Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
Action Inc.  
AFT MA  
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs  
Allston Brighton Health Collaborative  
Amherst Survival Center  
ARISE for Social Justice  
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)  
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)  
Berkshire Community Diaper Project  
Bethany Hill Place  
Beverly Bootstraps  
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center  
Boston Teachers Union  
Brazilian Women's Group  
Brookview House, Inc.  
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee  
Cape Cod Children's Place  
Casa Myrna  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston  
Central West Justice Center  
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice  
Children's HealthWatch  
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts  
Chinese Progressive Association  
City Mission Boston  
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)  
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.  
Fenway Health/AIDS Action Committee  
Greater Boston Food Bank  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
HarborCOV  
Heading Home, Inc.  
Health Care for All  
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 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  
Metrowest Legal Services  
MLPB  
NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts  
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  
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund  
Poor People's United Fund  
Progressive Massachusetts  
Project Bread  
Project Hope  
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.  
Roca  
Rosie's Place  
SEIU 32BJ Local 615  
SEIU Local 509  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston  
Somerville Homeless Coalition  
Springfield No One Leaves  
Springfield Partners for Community Action  
St. Mary's Center for Women and Children  
Stavros  
StreetCred  
The Family Pantry – Damien's Place  
The Home for Little Wanderers  
The Neighborhood Developers  
The Open Door  
The Pettengill House, Inc.  
Those Who Can for Those in Need  
Transition House  
UAW Region 9A Mass. State CAP Council  
Union of Minority Neighborhoods  
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network  
United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts  
United South End Settlements  
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley  
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts  
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, Inc.  
Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness  
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston  
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts  
Worcester County Food Bank  
Worcester Food Policy Council  
Workforce Solutions Group  
YW Boston YW Boston  
YWCA Cambridge  
YWCA Lowell  
YWCA Malden  
YWCA Newburyport  
YWCA Northeast  
YWCA of Central MA  
YWCA Southeastern MA  
YWCA Western MA