STATE BUDGET

$25.5 million for short-term relief for families in deep poverty (4403-2000) & (4408-1000)*

Provides an immediate, one-time cash payment for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) recipients.

$185 million or adequate funding in light of anticipated increase in family homelessness due to COVID-19 for Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter (7004-0101)*

Providers need the resources to maintain the health and safety of the families, staff, and communities. We must also de-densify congregate shelters and ensure space for safe quarantining, continue to include language to shelter otherwise eligible families who are at imminent risk of staying in a place not meant for human habitation, ensure oversight of the measure, and allow families to maintain EA eligibility until they reach 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (while maintaining the over-income grace period).

$50 million for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program (7004-9316)*

The RAFT program is critical to helping families with children and others avoid or exit homelessness. RAFT helps with back rent payments, back utility payments, first and last month's rent, security deposits, and transportation costs.

$800,000 for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites (1201-0100)

This allocation would enable tax filers to access federal economic impact payments, federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, etc. The free tax assistance provided by the 80+ VITA sites brings over $60 million back to low-income taxpayers and communities across the state.

LEGISLATIVE

An Act to Provide Short-Term Relief for Families in Deep Poverty (H.4622)*


Provides an immediate one-time cash payment for TAFDC recipients and EAEDC recipients. Any additional relief we can provide to families living in deep poverty will help mitigate the challenges they face.

An Act Relative to Emergency Paid Sick Time (H.4700 / S.2701)


Provides ten additional workdays (80 hours) of job-protected paid sick time for immediate use during the COVID-19 outbreak.

*The Coronavirus Relief Act and/or Emergency Solutions Grant dollars could offset these items