

FY24 STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES



Strengthen Critical human Services Infrastructure

- Address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty by supporting Community Action Agencies (Line item 7002-0025) - \$10M

Strengthen Families through Affordable & Accessible Early Education and Care

- Support Early Education Teacher Salary (Line item 3000-1042) - \$100M
- Support for Access to Income -Eligible Child Care (Line item 3000 - 4060) \$112M
- Support for Early Education and Care for the Workforce (Line Item 3000-1046) - \$20M
- Support Head Start (Line Item 3000-5000) - \$17.5M
- Support Child Care Resource Referral Access Management in Early Education Program (Line item 3000 - 2000) - \$20M

Fund the Mass Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)

- Ensures the more than 12,000 low-income families and individual participants in the rental voucher program pay no more than 30% of their income toward rent and allows the program to serve more families (Line item 7004-9024) - \$250M

Fund Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)*

- Enables a smooth transition from pandemic era funding levels, which helped over 60,000 families who suffered from financial loss from the pandemic avoid eviction, to a sustained and sustainable effort to avoid unnecessary evictions. (Line item 7004-9316) - \$250M
*Families may receive up to \$10K, Notice to Quit not required.

Fund Small Business Technical Assistance

- Provides for increased capacity of community-based organizations to help the thousands of underserved small businesses struggling to survive and recover from the pandemic, and secure an inclusive and equitable recovery (Line-item 7002-0040) - \$10M

Fund the Housing and Consumer Education Centers

- Provides for a organizational staff which allows for access to an array of resources, including referrals, individual counseling, homelessness prevention programs, workshops and seminars to tenants and landlords, homeowners, future homebuyers, homeless individuals and families, along with individuals and families facing eviction and foreclosures, including RAFT. (Line item 7004-3036) - \$10.2M

Support Community Development Across the Commonwealth

- Eliminate the sunset for CITC which is currently set for 2025
- Lift the cap on annual award from \$12 million per year to \$15 million

Fund Shelter Services for Individuals experiencing homelessness

- Increase funding for the homelessness program to assist individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, including assistance to organizations which provide shelter, transitional housing and services that help individuals avoid entry into shelters or who successfully exit shelters. (Line item 7004-0102) \$110M

Fund Shelter Workforce Assistance

- Support Funding For the shelter workforce development initiative, to provide pathways to careers in fields related to housing and homelessness (Line item 7004-0109) \$10M