

# FY25 STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES



## Creating a Foundation for Economic Opportunity

- Address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty by supporting Community Action Agencies ([Line item 7004-0025](#)) - \$7.5M

## Strengthen Families through Affordable & Accessible Early Education and Care

- Support Early Education Rate Reserve ([Line item 3000-1042](#)) - \$60M
- Support for Income –Eligible Child Care ([Line item 3000 – 4060](#)) - Embed Early Education Workforce Personal Child Care - \$20M
- Support Head Start ([Line Item 3000-5000](#)) \$20M
- Support Child Care Resource Referral Access Management in Early Education Program ([Line item 3000 – 2000](#)) - \$20M

## Bridging the Wage Gap

- Resources for Volunteer Income tax Assistance (VITA) ([Line item 1201-0100](#)) - \$1.5M
- Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): Include ITIN Holders, Remove the Dependent Cap

## Supporting Affordable Housing

- The Affordable Homes Act filed by Governor Maura Healey ([H.4138](#))

## Ensuring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

- An Act to reform the hate crime statutes filed by Representative Tram Nguyen, Representative Bud Williams, and Senator Adam Gomez ([H.1704/S.996](#))
- An Act to promote gender and racial diversity on public boards and commissions in Massachusetts, filed by Representative Nguyen, Representative Dawne Shande, and Senator Liz Miranda ([H.3095/S.2029](#))
- An Act establishing the executive office of structural racism filed by Representative Russel Holmes ([H.3047](#))

## Support Community Development Across the Commonwealth

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

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