

THE ON SOLID GROUND COALITION FY2020 HOUSE BUDGET AMENDMENTS



PLEASE CO-SPONSOR THESE AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT A CROSS-SECTOR APPROACH TO PROMOTE HOUSING STABILITY & ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR FAMILIES!

#652 - Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) (7004-9024)

Sponsored by Rep. Paul Donato

Rep. Donato's amendment increases funding for MRVP to \$130 million. This will create hundreds of new rental vouchers, preserve affordable housing, and help create new affordable homes.

#859 - MRVP Improvements (7004-9024)

Sponsored by Rep. Joseph McGonagle

Rep. McGonagle's amendment makes important program improvements to MRVP:

- Makes MRVP more usable by increasing voucher rent caps to current fair market rent standards
- Helps distribute vouchers faster by directing DHCD to release a distribution plan
- Targets new vouchers to the lowest-income households
- Raises the admin fee to help more effectively administer the program
- Allows any unspent MRVP funds to automatically be available for the program the next year

#699 - HomeBASE Improvements (7004-0108)

Sponsored by Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante

Rep. Ferrante's amendment makes important program improvements to better support families facing homelessness:

- Allows earlier access to HomeBASE for families at imminent risk of homelessness
- De-links RAFT and HomeBASE benefits so that households can access both these homelessness prevention resources
- Allows families to renew their HomeBASE assistance if otherwise facing a return to homelessness

#1010 - Emergency Assistance & HomeBASE (7004-0101)

Sponsored by Rep. Andy Vargas

Rep. Vargas's amendment ensures that families can access Emergency Assistance shelter and resources if they can no longer afford rent and are evicted because of the loss of HomeBASE.

#1129 - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (Outside Section)

Sponsored by Rep. Marjorie Decker

Rep. Decker's amendment increases the state EITC to 50% of the federal EITC value. The state EITC is an effective tax credit for low-income households that increases economic mobility, reduces inequality, rewards work, and improves health.

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