

January 25, 2018

Greetings!

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Charlie Baker released his fiscal year 2019 budget recommendations for the Commonwealth. Please click here for a [quick overview of Governor Charlie Baker's homelessness, housing, and benefits budget proposals](#) for FY'19. The Governor's complete \$40.9 billion House 2 budget can be found [here](#). This is one of the first steps in the FY'19 budget process, ahead of the July 1st start of the new fiscal year. In the months ahead, the House and Senate will release their own recommendations, and develop a compromise budget that then will be sent back to Governor Baker for approval or vetoes. We will be in touch throughout the process with updates and advocacy opportunities.

Please [ask your State Representative and Senator](#) to strongly support the [Coalition's FY'19 budget recommendations](#), especially on:

- Emergency Assistance family shelter and services program (line item 7004-0101)
- Housing and services for unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness (line item 4000-0007)
- Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children program (EAEDC, line item 4408-1000)
- Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program (RAFT, line item 7004-9316)

See our [present policy campaigns page](#) for fact sheets and additional information.

If you have a few extra minutes, please also let the Governor know your feelings about his FY'19 budget by [phone/email](#) or Twitter: [@MassGovernor](#).



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We also would like to thank everyone who took action this week to support the \$1.7 billion housing bond bill, An Act financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents (currently [House Bill 4134](#); originally filed by Representative Kevin Honan and Senator Linda Dorcena Forry). Unfortunately, [Representative Decker's three important homelessness-related amendments](#) were not included in the final House version of the bill after yesterday's debate. The good news is that overall bill is moving to the Senate for action. [Read more about the housing bond bill](#) on the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) website.

Thank you for your collaboration!

With gratitude,

Kelly Turley

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Join the **Massachusetts Coalition
for the Homeless** for
**Legislative
Action Day
2018**

Hosted by Representative Jim O'Day
Tuesday, February 27th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Great Hall, Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon St. Boston, MA

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