



# FY2020 Senate Amendments

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& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY  
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**Please co-sponsor the following budget amendments to help everyone have a safe, healthy, and affordable home!**

#	Line-Item	Program	Sponsor	Description
715	7004-9024	MRVP	Sen. Crighton	Increases funding to \$130 million and makes program improvements
831	7004-3036	Housing Consumer Education Centers	Sen. Crighton	Increases funding to \$4 million
797	7004-9316	RAFT	Sen. Jehlen	Increases funding to \$27 million to create a rent arrearage pilot program to prevent evictions
690	7004-0108	HomeBASE	Sen. Tarr	Program improvements to better serve families at risk of homelessness
756	7004-0108	HomeBASE & Emergency Assistance	Sen. Chang-Diaz	Allows families to access emergency shelter if they lose HomeBASE
767 & 857	7004-0106	New Lease for Homeless Families	Sen. Crighton & Sen. O'Connor	Funds New Lease with \$250,000
774	7004-0104	Home & Healthy for Good	Sen. Feeney	Creates statewide supportive housing program for chronically homeless individuals
856	NEW	Housing Choice	Sen. O'Connor	Creates \$5.3 million line-item to support Housing Choice communities
845	NEW	Get the Lead Out	Sen. Cyr	Re-capitalizes the Get the Lead Out program with \$5 million to support lead remediation
3	Outside Section	CPA Trust Fund Fees	Sen. Creem	Increases registry recording fees to increase the state match to CPA communities
2	Outside Section	CPA Budget Surplus Transfer	Sen. Tarr	Provides \$20 million transfer of any budget surplus to Community Preservation Trust Fund

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## **#715 - Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) (7004-9024)**

Sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton

Sen. Crighton'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. The amendment also makes two important program improvements: Helps distribute vouchers faster by directing DHCD to release a distribution plan

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- Raises the admin fee to help more effectively administer the program

## **#831 - Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) (7004-3036)**

Sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton

Rep. Crighton's amendment increases funding for HCECs to \$4 million to allow regional housing agencies to serve more people looking for affordable housing resources, homebuyer and foreclosure counseling, or other housing assistance.

## **#797 - Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (7004-9316)**

Sponsored by Sen. Patricia Jehlen

Sen. Jehlen's amendment increases funding for Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) to \$27 million to support a \$7 million pilot program to prevent evictions and foreclosures by offering financial assistance to low-income households who are behind on rent or mortgage payments.

## **#690 - HomeBASE Improvements (7004-0108)**

Sponsored by Sen. Bruce Tarr

Sen. Tarr'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

## **#756 - HomeBASE & Emergency Assistance (7004-0101)**

Sponsored by Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz

Sen. Chang-Diaz'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.

### **#767 & 857 - New Lease for Homeless Families (7004-0106)**

Sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton & Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Sen. Crighton's and Sen. O'Connor's amendments both re-establish a \$250,000 line-item for New Lease for Homeless Families, which helps find homes for families living in shelters by creating a preference for these families in affordable housing developments across the state. The funding will allow New Lease to continue serving the nearly 300 families it works with to help find and maintain homes.

### **#774 - Home & Healthy for Good (7004-0104)**

Sponsored by Sen. Paul Feeney

Sen. Feeney's amendment creates a \$2.5 million permanent supportive housing program for people experiencing long-term homelessness who have complex medical and behavioral health needs, for the purpose of ending homelessness, promoting housing stability and reducing costly utilization of emergency and acute care. This increase would provide funding for an estimated 250 permanent supportive housing opportunities.

### **#856 - Housing Choice (NEW)**

Sponsored by Sen. Patrick O'Connor

Sen. O'Connor's amendment creates a new \$5.3 million line-item to support Housing Choice communities that have demonstrated a commitment to producing new housing and adopting best practices to promote smart growth and sustainable housing development.

### **#845 - Get the Lead Out (NEW)**

Sponsored by Sen. Julian Cyr

Sen. Cyr's amendment creates a line-item for the Get the Lead Out Program and re-capitalizes it with \$5 million. Get the Lead Out provides low- or no-interest loans to remove lead paint hazards from homes.

### **#3 - Community Preservation Trust Fund Fees (Outside Section)**

Sponsored by Sen. Cynthia Creem

Sen. Creem's amendment increases funding for the statewide Community Preservation Act (CPA) Trust Fund through a \$30 increase in recording fees at the Registries of Deeds to provide a higher state match to all CPA communities. It is estimated that these fees will generate an additional \$36 million each year for CPA communities to support affordable housing, open space preservation, and outdoor recreation.

### **#2 - CPA Budget Surplus Transfer (Outside Section)**

Sponsored by Sen. Bruce Tarr

Sen. Tarr's amendment would transfer \$20 million from any FY2019 state budget surplus into the Community Preservation Trust Fund to provide an increased state match to CPA communities.

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