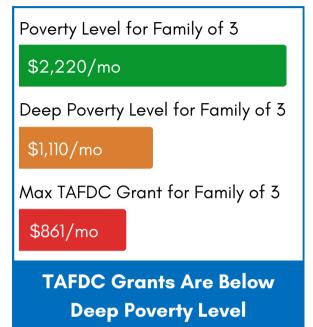
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Please co-sponsor Sen. DiDomenico's Amendment # 522 to Address Deep Poverty

Support Amendment # 522 to raise cash assistance grants

- Even with a recent 10% increase in April 2025, the maximum monthly grant for a family of 3 is just \$861.
- This is far below the Deep Poverty level, or half the federal poverty level (\$1,110/month for 3).
- Sen. DiDomenico's amendment would provide a 10% increase to TAFDC & EAEDC grants in January 2026.



We can't lose further ground to inflation

- Through a series of small increases, the Legislature has raised TAFDC from 33% of FPL in 2020 to 39% of FPL in 2025.
- These increases were critically important, but not enough to recover the ground lost to inflation during past years of frozen grants.
- We applaud the House and Senate Ways & Means for continuing the April 2025 10% increase, which the Governor proposed rolling back.
- A further 10% increase in January 2026 is critical to stay ahead of inflation and help families meet their basic needs.

Please co-sponsor Amendment # 522. Take another step towards ending Deep Poverty!





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