
Approve an increase to the MFIP cash assistance grant to strengthen the safety net for low income children and families.

- **There has been no change to the MFIP grant amount since 1986.**

Videos

Children in Persistent Poverty

<https://www.urban.org/policy-centers/cross-center-initiatives/low-income-working-families/projects/children-persistent-poverty>

Articles

Report: Rural Poverty In America Is 'An Emergency'

<https://www.npr.org/2018/05/31/615578001/report-rural-poverty-in-america-is-an-emergency>

JRLC No Poor Among You

<https://jrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/nopooramongyouc.pdf>

31 Percent Of U.S. Households Have Trouble Paying Energy Bills

<https://www.npr.org/2018/09/19/649633468/31-percent-of-u-s-households-have-trouble-paying-energy-bills>

About the Program

TANF FAQ

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/q-a-use-of-funds?page=1>

MFIP FAQ

https://mn.db101.org/mn/programs/income_support/mfip/faqs.htm

Religious Teachings

Jewish

Whoever gives the poor money is blessed sixfold; whoever does it with a kind word is blessed sevenfold. " ~~ Talmud, Bava Batra 9b" (ISAIAH 58)

"Blessed be he who considers the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the day of trouble. " ~~ Psalms/Tehillim 41:2

"The greatest charity is to enable the poor to earn a living. "

Maimonides

"The highest level beyond which there is none is a person who supports [one] who has fallen into poverty [by] giving him a present or a loan, entering into partnership with him,¹⁰ or finding him work so that his hand will be fortified so that he will not have to ask others [for alms].¹¹ Concerning this [[Leviticus 25:35](#)] states: "You shall support him, the stranger, the resident, and he shall live among you." Implied is that you should support him before he falls and becomes needy."

Muslim

Do you love your creator? Love your fellow-beings first. - The Sayings of Muhammad by Sir Abdullah Suhrawardy

"A believer wants for his brother what he wants for himself." (Prophet Muhammad, Hadith 13)

"The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind." (Prophet Muhammad)

Christian

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. — Proverbs 19:17

I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. — Psalm 140:1