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Housing bill needs your help to be fully funded

The end of Utah's state legislative session becomes all about money. Some priorities will work their way into the state budget and others will not. Right now the biggest housing affordability bill in Utah's history is stuck in the House Rules Committee waiting to see if legislators are willing and able to fund it. SB 34, sponsored by Senator Jacob Anderregg, would require cities and counties to take action to promote the development of affordable and moderate income housing. It also includes \$20 million in one time funding and \$4 million in ongoing funding to help cities achieve their goals in this area. The Governor's budget proposal reduced this spending below what is contained in the original bill and the Social Services Committee has recommended spending less. If your legislator is one the following members of the Executive Appropriations Committee please send them an email with the subject "Please fund SB34" and a short message about the need to make sure funding is at the highest level possible to address our state's housing affordability crisis.

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April 1 Medicaid expansion details

On April 1, 2019, about 70,000 currently uninsured Utahns under the poverty level will become eligible for Medicaid. The Department of Health has created [this flyer](#) explaining who will be eligible and this [implementation toolkit](#) with more details. Last week we learned that if someone applies for benefits this month they will receive a notification of denial and that the case will be reconsidered next month. This means there does not appear to be an advantage to encouraging people to apply before April 1st. We will do our best to share information about expansion as it becomes available.

Who is Eligible?

- ▶ **Utah Residents**
- ▶ **Age 19 through 64**
- ▶ **U.S. citizen or legal resident**
- ▶ **Meet income requirements, which vary by household size**

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$12,492	\$1,041
2	\$16,920	\$1,410
3	\$21,336	\$1,778
4	\$25,752	\$2,146
5	\$30,180	\$2,515
6	\$34,596	\$2,883
7	\$39,012	\$3,251
8	\$43,440	\$3,620

Hate crimes bill full Senate vote is "time certain" for this afternoon at 2:15 PM

A video stream of the vote should be available on [this page](#) of the state legislative website.

The big sales tax reform bill does not impact the sales tax on food

CORC has led efforts to oppose increases to the sales tax on food for years and so we are grateful this regressive tax has been left out of this enormous bill. Voices for Utah Children has produced [this analysis](#) of what is good in the bill and how it can be improved.

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