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ELECTION 2024: What do South Africa's political parties say about social grants?

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There are 52 political parties contesting the 2024 national election. Since 47% of the population are social grants beneficiaries, I conducted an internet search of the party statements to find out what their stance is on social grants and what are their proposals on social grant reforms. Most political parties did not have a position on social grants. This is what some of the parties had to say.



Social Grants

- Protect the value of social grants for children, the elderly and persons with disability.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Progressively implement a basic income support grant by extending and improving the value and coverage of the SRD grant for the unemployed.



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Social Grants

- Double all grants.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Introduce a grant for unemployed graduates.
- Pay a stipend of R5 000 per month.



Social Grants

- Ensuring that the child support grant is increased to the same level as the official food poverty line of R760.
- Extending the child grant to cover pregnant mothers to support child nutrition goals.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Converting the Social Relief of Distress Grant (SRD Grant) into a Job Seekers grant.



Social Grants

- Increase existing social grants.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Introduce a Universal Basic Income Stimulus (UBIS).
- A basic monthly income will be provided to registered adult South Africans and permanent residents. The Government will pay R790 (year 1), R1,101 (year 2), and R1,622 (year 3). Adjustments will be made in line with the food poverty line and with inflation.



Social Grants

- Increase the Child Support Grant to the food poverty line of R760.
- Increase the old age pension and the disability grant to the minimum wage of R4500 so that it guarantees a decent minimum standard of living for the aged and disabled.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Introduce an adequate Basic Income Grant above the poverty line of R1 558 for those unable to work.



Social Grants

- Review all grant categories and increase grants where necessary.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- The IFP will roll out an Unemployed Graduate Grant of R3 000 for a fixed period to assist graduates in finding meaningful employment.



Social Grants

RISE Mzansi Government will use a combination of government income grants, and food discount vouchers for grant recipients.



Social Grants

- Grants must still be paid as usual.



Social Grants

- The social security system needs to be reformed and restructured. For example, the Old Age Grant should work more like a typical pension fund.

Basic Income Grant (BIG)

- Implement a BIG of R999 per month.



Social Grants

- Provide for all social grants, based on a minimum living wage.

Basic Income Grant (BIC)

- Provide a social wage for the unemployed.