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Building Brighter Futures Together

Universal Basic Income

(and Guaranteed Income Pilots)

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Universal Basic Income (UBI)

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Features of Universal Basic Income



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

Outcome Goals of UBI

↑ Income

↑ Education | Employment

↑ Basic Needs

↑ Health

↑ Food Security

Andrew Yang Freedom Dividend



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Monthly



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.

\$1,000



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

U.S. citizens



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

All individuals
Over age 18



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

Alaska Permanent Fund



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Annual



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.

Formula
2022 = \$3,284



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

Alaska resident all year and intend to remain indefinitely



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

All individuals
All ages



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

Incarcerated are ineligible

Alaska Outcomes

↑ Income

Greatest poverty reduction impact for Native Alaskans, rural residents, and elderly

↑ Education | Employment

No significant effect on labor market participation

↑ Basic Needs

↑ Health

Improvements in children's health: increased birth weights, lowered childhood obesity

↑ Food Security

Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilots

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Guaranteed Income Pilot Features



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Time-Limited



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

Subset



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

Individuals &
Families



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

GI Pilot Outcomes

↑ Income

Reduced income volatility,
better able to cover unexpected \$400 expense

↑ Education | Employment

Positive effects on educational attainment, minimal
aggregate impact on labor market participation

↑ Basic Needs

Increased financial resilience,
ability to maintain household needs

↑ Health

Improved mental health, brain development in
children, increased access to medical care

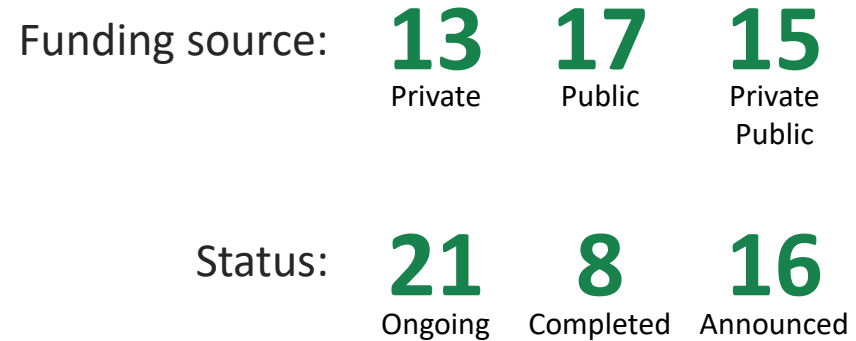
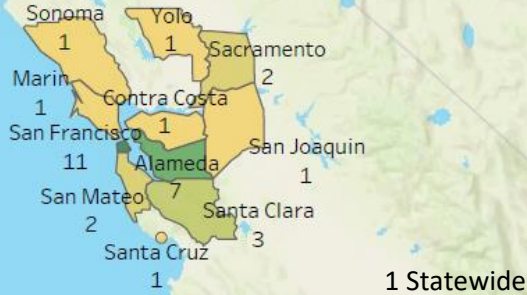
↑ Food Security

Additional resources spent on food for household,
impact on proportion of homemade meals

Celebrating 100 Guaranteed Income Pilots



45 California Pilots



7 CDSS Funded Pilots

Pilot Site Name	Monthly Payment	County	Individuals Served	Population	Duration (months)	Grant (millions)
1. Inland Southern California United Way	\$600	Riverside, San Bernadino	650	Pregnant individuals, former foster youth	18	\$5.0
2. Expecting Justice (Abundant Birth Project)	\$600 - \$1,000	Alameda, Contra Costa , Los Angeles, Riverside, San Francisco	425	Pregnant individuals	12	\$5.0
3. iFoster	\$750	Statewide	300	Former foster youth	18	\$4.8
4. Los Angeles Section National Council of Jewish Women	\$1,000	Los Angeles	150	Pregnant individuals with diabetes	18	\$3.7
5. San Francisco Human Services Agency	\$1,200	San Francisco	150	Former foster youth	18	\$3.3
6. McKinleyville Community Collaborative	\$1,000	Humboldt	150	Pregnant individuals	18	\$2.3
7. Ventura County Human Services Agency	\$1,000	Ventura County	150	Former foster youth	18	\$1.5

Contra Costa County GI Initiatives

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Contra Costa GI Working Group

Purpose

Shaping a Guaranteed Income Pilot

Convener

Community Financial Resources (CFR)

Dates

April 2022 – June 2023

Attendees

- Ensuring Opportunity
- First 5 Contra Costa
- Monument Impact
- East Bay Leadership Council
- Richmond Rapid Response (R3F)
- Rubicon
- Collaborising
- Mobility Labs
- Community Representatives
- Employment & Human Services Department

Outputs

- Focus groups
- Listening sessions
- Surveys
- Monthly Newsletters
- Report Forthcoming

Child Care Workforce Project

Funder

U.S. DHHS
Administration for Children & Families

Amount

\$150,000

Convener

First 5 Contra Costa

Participants

- First 5 Contra Costa
- Early Learning Leadership Group
- Child care providers and other early childhood practitioners countywide

Goals

- Stabilize local child care workforce
- Survey local childcare providers and stakeholders
- Conduct compensation study
- Design Guaranteed Income Pilot for childcare teachers

Elevate Concord: Family Economic Equity Pilot



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Monthly
12 months



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.

\$2500 stabilization
\$500/month



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

Low-income families with
children under age 12



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

120 Families



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F)



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Monthly



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.

\$1,000



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

Low-income residents of Richmond



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

Individuals and Families



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

SF Human Services Agency



Periodic

It is a recurring payment, rather than a one-off grant.

Monthly
12 month



Cash payment

It is paid in cash, allowing individuals to determine what they need.

\$1,000 Treatment Group
\$50 Control Group



Universal

It is paid to all members of a community, rather than targeted to a specific population.

Exiting
Rapid Rehousing Program



Individual

It is paid on an individual basis.

450 Families



Unconditional

It is provided without a work requirement or any other conditions.

Income Waivers for Public Assistance (PA)

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PA Partial Income Waivers

		CalWORKs PA CalFresh	NA CalFresh	General Assistance	Medi-Cal
1	Earnings	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Unemployment Benefits	N	N	N	Y
3	CA State Disability (SDI)	Y	N	N	Y
4	Pensions	N	N	N	N
5	Social Security Retirement & Pensions	N	N	N	N
6	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Y	N	N	Y
7	Annuities	N	N	N	N
8	Child Support	Y	N	N	N

CDSS Allowance of GI Waivers

1. ACL 21-137 (11/12/21) Allows counties to request a waiver of privately funded GI for *CalWORKs and CalFresh*
2. ACL 21-137E (04/01/2022) Allows counties to request a waiver of GI funded by any amount of private funds for *CalWORKs and CalFresh*
3. ACIN I-35-22 (4/14/22) Allows counties to request a waiver of GI funded by private or public funds for *CalWORKs and any amount of private funds* for *CalFresh in a single county*
4. ACIN I-82-22 (12/23/22) Allows counties to request a waiver of GI funded by private or public funds for *CalWORKs and any amount of private funds* for *CalFresh in a multiple counties*
5. ACWDL (7/21/23) Specifies that CDSS-funded GI Pilot payments are waived for all state public assistance programs including *CalWORKs, CalFresh, GA, Medi-Cal, WIC and childcare*
6. AB120 (7/10/23) Authorizes all GI payments to be waived for *CalWORKs plus PA (and maybe NA) CalFresh*, subject to CDSS policy guidance

Counties with Approved GI Waivers

Los Angeles (8)
San Francisco (4)
Alameda (2)
Santa Clara (2)
San Diego (2)
Marin (1)
Santa Cruz (1)
Sonoma (1)
Yolo (1)

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8	Child Support	Y	N	N	N
9a	GI: AB120	Y	Maybe	n/a	n/a
9b	GI: 7 CDSS Approved Pilots		Y	Y	Y
9c	GI: Local County Pilots		At this time, county choice to request waiver		
9d	GI: Other County Pilots				

Contra Costa County Income Waivers for GI Recipients?

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Contra Costa Assistance Payments

FY22/23	CalFresh	CalWORKs	General Assistance	Total
Federal	\$288,737,856 100%	\$35,931,834 49%	\$0	\$324,669,690 89%
State	\$0	\$36,005,616 49%	\$0	\$36,005,616 10%
County	\$0	\$1,844,550 2.5%	\$1,430,623 100%	\$3,275,173 1%
Total	\$288,737,856	\$73,782,000	\$1,430,623	\$363,950,479

County Cost of Waiving GI

Scenario: Guaranteed Income puts the household over eligibility income limit if not waived

	CalFresh	CalWORKs (no county choice)	General Assistance (county choice)
A. Household Size		2	1
B. Average Monthly Household Benefit		\$890.23	\$203
C. Monthly County Funding % Share	0%	2.50%	100%
D. Monthly County Cost per Household (C * D)		\$22.26	\$203
E. Households Receiving GI		100	100
F. If waived, monthly county cost per 100 GI recipient households	\$0	\$2,226	\$20,300
G. If waived, annual county cost per 100 GI recipient households	\$0	\$26,712	\$243,600

CCC Requests to date for GI Waivers

Received

1. San Francisco Human Services Agency

Expected

2. Monument Impact Family Equity Pilot
3. Richmond Rapid Response Fund (R3F)

Recommendation

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Recommendation

ACCEPT report as presented by the Employment & Human Services Director and provide guidance regarding waiving of income for Guaranteed Income Pilot payments for individuals residing in Contra Costa County.