

Alexandria Guaranteed Income Pilot

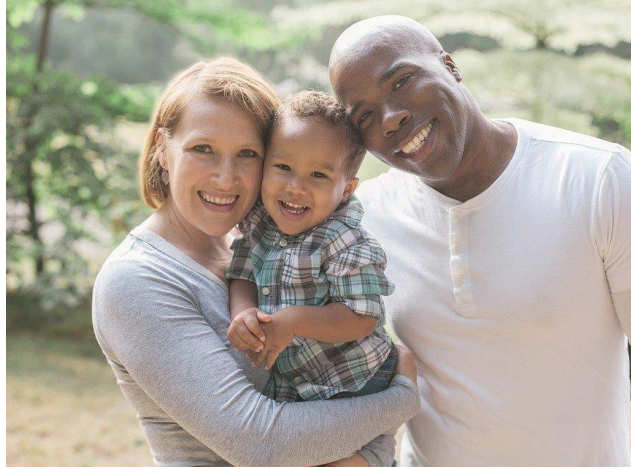
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What is a Guaranteed Income?

- Bold national approach and investment to combat COVID pandemic economic fallout and those entrenched poverty
- Monthly, cash payment given directly to individuals
- Unconditional, no strings attached or work requirement
- Supplement for existing social safety net programs and services
- Equity tool



Why a Guaranteed Income Pilot in Alexandria?

- Alexandria's 2021 Median Household Income (AMI) is \$129,000 an estimated 11% increase since 2018.
- Alexandria's poverty rate has been stagnated. In 2013, Alexandria's poverty rate was 8.5% and in 2019, the poverty rate was 8.6%.
- Alexandrians of color are overrepresented in homeless and poverty data, and in low paying jobs
- GI is an effective way to combat factors that are stifling economic mobility and exacerbating socioeconomic inequality
- GI is about giving people choice and the ability to make decisions in their economic self-interest
- Supports three core principals for moving from poverty to economic mobility: economic success, power and autonomy, and being valued in the community

Alexandria's Guaranteed Income Pilot

- Funded by the American Rescue Plan (ARA) signed into law by the President Biden - March 2021
- \$3 million appropriated by Alexandria City Council - July 6
- Considering robust research component includes a control group participants and 150 cash payment recipients
- Research findings will provide information on the impact of income volatility, well-being and current safety programs and policies
- \$500 per month payment for 150 households for 24 months
- Cohort will have access to supportive services that are offered to the general public



Eligibility Under Consideration

- Residents living in Qualified Census Tracts
- Low Income

Area Median Income	HOUSEHOLD SIZE				
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
Up to 30%	\$27,100	\$31,000	\$34,700	\$36,400	\$41,800
Up to 40%	\$36,120	\$41,280	\$46,440	\$51,600	\$55,760

ALICE Income	HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION				
	Single Adult	One adult one child	One adult one child in child care	Two adults	Two adults Two children
Up to Maximum	\$51,624	\$68,880	\$79,980	\$66,504	\$101,076

ⁱ HUD FY2021 developed Area Median Income data for City of Alexandria \$129,000

ⁱⁱ United Way ALICE developed data, customized for household composition

Actions to Date and Pending Decisions

Actions to Date

- Initial program design and implementation meetings with DCHS staff committee, ACT of Alexandria and Bruhn Morris Foundation, Ideas42, and Mayors for a Guaranteed Income
- VDSS and VEC commitments that cash payments will not affect TANF, Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment benefits
- Community engagement, including interviewing potential participants
- Implementation plan submitted to City Manager for approval
- Lessons learned discussions held with other GI programs regionally and across the country

Pending Actions and Decisions

- City Manager approval of the Implementation Plan
- Cash payment disbursement mechanism
- Economic Mobility Advisory Committee
- Communications about the pilot to potential participants
- Cohort (cash payment recipients and control group participants) application and selection process
- Waiver to exclude cash payment from eligibility determination for housing subsidy and WIC

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