



What is Guaranteed Income?

Guaranteed income is a recurring cash payment given directly to individuals. It is unconditional, meaning there are no strings attached and, in particular, there are no work or education requirements.

Unlike traditional welfare programs, guaranteed income programs do not require participants to maintain income or any other eligibility to continue receiving payments for the duration of the program.

Unlike the idea of “universal basic income,” guaranteed income is designed to provide targeted support to a specific population.

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“The solution to poverty is to abolish it directly by a now widely discussed measure: the guaranteed income.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Guaranteed Income in the DC area

Mother Up Pilot

Mother Up is MON's guaranteed income pilot program. Recruitment for the pilot's first cohort started in December of 2022 and concluded with the launch of the first group of participants in May of 2023.

The pilot participants:

- Identify as Black women
- Reside in Washington, DC
- Have a biological child under 14 years old
- Are eligible for public assistance,
- Have current or recent involvement with Child and Family Services Agency

\$500/month, no strings attached, will be provided to these mothers for 3 years. Phases 2 and 3 will ensue in the coming months of early 2024. The pilot aims to enroll 50 women during this period.



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A PROJECT OF MOTHERS OUTREACH NETWORK

The DC Guaranteed Income Coalition, convened by Mothers Outreach Network, is a network of D.C.-based

organizations and individuals committed to achieving a permanent guaranteed income program that provides monthly cash payments to residents, ensuring that all our District neighbors live above the poverty line and can afford basic necessities.

We aim to:

- Mobilize, conduct research, and advocate with officials to change the narrative and connect basic income to racial economic justice
- Build a permanent, guaranteed income program in Washington, DC
- Preserve existing social insurance and safety net programs
- Build a solidarity economy that cares and liberates individuals and families to live their lives with dignity and agency
- Advance health equity by addressing poverty as a social determinant of health
- Eradicate poverty in DC through pilots and policy

This work is urgent.

In DC **81%** of children that are child welfare system involved are black, and **52% of the population are black.**

34% of single mothers in DC live in poverty - most of them **Black women.**

1 in 5 children in DC go to bed **hungry** at night.



Why Guaranteed Income?

Guaranteed Income is a social safety net built on:

Trust that individuals are experts in their own needs and will make the best choices for themselves and their loved ones.

Dignity for individuals struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families.

Respect for all kinds of labor, in particular, raising children and caring for disabled or elderly family members.

Urgency in responding to the ongoing and acute harms that financial insecurity causes to individuals, families, and communities, particularly disproportionately impacted Black and Brown groups.