



# City of Alameda

*Rise Up Alameda*

## Guaranteed Income Pilot Program 12-Month Interim Report

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- **Characteristics of a GI Pilot Program**

- Unconditional—without a work requirement or any other conditions.
- Unrestricted—allowing individuals to determine what they need; and
- Regular payments over a period of time.

# Guaranteed Income Pilot



Alameda's pilot program, called *Rise Up Alameda* (RUA), provides:

- \$1,000 per month to approximately 150 low-income households over a two-year period.

The first payment was disbursed December 2023, and the final payment is November 2025.



## Goals of the Program

1. Reduce economic volatility for program participants;
2. Change local narratives and perceptions surrounding poverty and sense of community belonging; and
3. Collect data and contribute to information gathered from other GI programs nationally and inform larger policy discussions regarding anti-poverty measures.

# Pilot Participants



**Average Age**  
49 years old



**Household Income**  
\$31,836 per year



**Race and Ethnicity**  
17% Hispanic/Latino of any race  
23% Black/African American, non-Hispanic  
20% White, non-Hispanic  
29% Asian



**Food Insecurity**  
72% food insecure in the past month



**Public Benefits Use**  
64% use public benefits



**Paid or Unpaid Work**  
47% Paid



**Sex**  
66% Female



**Education**  
<27% have high school diploma



**Household Size**  
>2 people per average household



**Credit Card Debt**  
38% carrying credit card debt

## General Overview

- Of the 40 outcomes that Abt measured, they found improvement in 17 of them, this is more than a majority of other Pilot GI programs

## Financial Wellbeing

- Recipients showed greater financial stability and resilience.
- GI increased the financial well being and other outcomes.

## Mental and Physical Health

- Recipients reported improved mental health across a variety of measures: lower stress, increased hopefulness, an improved sense of mattering, and more community engagement.
- Recipients also reported less chaotic home environments than the control group.
- The report noted increased medical care for older participants.

## Sense of Community

- Recipients were more likely to be involved in community activities.
- Recipients demonstrated statistically significant improvements in emotional connection, group membership, and fulfillment of needs.

## Employment

- There was no impact on work engagement and there was no increase in unemployment.
- Rise Up recipients who were unemployed at the start of the program reported feeling more hopeful about setting goals and reaching them.
- Participants were less likely to be employed full-time than the control group.

## Housing

- There was no significant improvement in housing outcomes.
- Abt was unable to determine if there was any real change in homelessness (both sheltered and unsheltered) due to GI.

## Food Security

- Abt did not find measurable impact on food security.

## Next Steps

1. Notification of Last Disbursements.
2. Storytelling Component.
3. 24-month Survey and Final Survey Report.

# THANK YOU



We Are Available for Questions