

Recommendation To Execute Agreements to Implement a Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program



Alameda City Council
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

May 17, 2022 City Council Meeting

- Approved guaranteed basic income pilot program
 - \$1,000 per month for 150 Low Income Households for Two Years
 - \$4.6 million of ARPA Funds
- City staff will identify program partners and define roles and responsibilities
- City staff will return to City Council to approve contracts and scopes of work for project partners

Research and Program Development

- City staff contacted 9 GI programs

Durham

Louisville

Providence

Evanston

Mt. View

Tacoma

Long Beach

Oakland

West

Hollywood

- Bi-weekly meetings with Mayors for Guaranteed Income (MGI)
- Monthly meetings with Bay Area & CA communities of practice

Outreach to Stakeholders

- City staff discussed program with community stakeholders
 - Alameda Food Bank
 - Alameda Housing Authority
 - Alameda Family Services
 - BFWC
 - Village of Love
 - Operation Dignity
 - Boys & Girls Club
 - College of Alameda
 - ACCYF
 - Alameda Point Collaborative
 - Girls Inc.
 - Kiwanis Club
 - Rotary Club (scheduled for Jan.)
 - City of Alameda's Free Library
 - SSHRB

Request for Proposals (RFP) Process

- The City released Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on August 8 for program partners
 - Implementation Partner
 - Financial Partner
 - Research Partner
- RFPs were informed by examples provided by other cities and reviewed by Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI)
- Proposals were due on September 7
- The City received 12 proposals from local and out-of-state organizations

RFP Process Continued

- Staff completed an initial review of the proposals
- Formed interview panels
- The interview panels conducted a total of 8 interviews:
 - Implementing Partner—2 interviews;
 - Financial Partner—3 interviews; and
 - Research Partner—3 interviews.

Operation Dignity Scope of Work

- **Implementation Partner** -- Responsible for administering the program
 - Support program design and refinement
 - Collection of applications from potential program participants
 - Selection and enrollment/on-boarding of program participants
 - Benefits counseling
 - Collaboration with other partners on outreach and communication efforts

Abt Associates Scope of Work

- **Research Partner** -- Responsible for evaluating the impacts of unrestricted cash aid to low-income Alameda households
 - Support in designing eligibility requirements
 - Determine methodology for the selection of the program and control group participants
 - Secure IRB approval and state benefits waivers
 - Conduct quantitative study; results to be presented to City Council

Proposed Next Steps

- Work with Program Partners to:
 - Secure benefits waivers
 - Develop key components of pilot program
 - Continue to conduct community outreach
- Launch program spring/summer 2023

Recommendation

- Authorize the City Manager to Execute Agreements to Implement the City of Alameda's Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program
 - Operation Dignity (\$900,000)
 - Abt Associates (\$309,960)