



Guaranteed Income in the DMV: Past, Present, & Future

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PAST (programs that have already concluded)

THRIVE East of the River - Launched by four community-based organizations, THRIVE East of the River provided emergency cash relief of \$5,500 to households in Wards 7 and 8 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, THRIVE distributed \$3.2 million to 605 households. According to an Urban Institute report published in 2022, THRIVE participants reported substantially better mental health and lower rates of housing and food insecurity than other people with low incomes, both nationally and in DC, after receiving the cash payments. More info: <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/evaluation-thrive-east-river-findings-guaranteed-income-pilot-during-covid-19>

Arlington's Guarantee | Arlington Community Foundation - Through Arlington's Guarantee, 200 Arlington households with children under 30% AMI received \$500 a month for 16 months, as well as optional one-on-one coaching. Most recipients were on local housing grants, 25 were returning from incarceration, and 25 were undocumented. Payments began in 2021 and concluded in November 2023. More info: <https://www.arlcf.org/arlingtons-guarantee/>

Steve Thomas Guaranteed Income Project | National Coalition for the Homeless - The Steve Thomas Guaranteed Income Project provided \$1,000 a month for 12 months to housing-insecure DC residents. The program concluded in October of 2023. More info: <https://nationalhomeless.org/>

Strong Families, Strong Futures | Martha's Table - Strong Families, Strong Futures DC provided cash payments to 132 new and expecting mothers below 250% of the federal poverty level residing in DC Wards 5, 7 and 8. Participants had the option of receiving either a single lump sum payment of \$10,800 or \$900 monthly payments for 12 months, with payments beginning in May of 2022. Funded with a grant from the Office of Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, this program is DC's first publicly funded cash transfer program. In 2023, \$1.5 million of funding was allocated by the DC Council for another year of the program. More info: <https://marthastable.org/sfsf/>

PRESENT (programs currently disbursing cash)

ARISE | City of Alexandria - Through Alexandria's Recurring Income for Success and Equity (ARISE) program, 170 City of Alexandria residents who have a household income at or below AMI are receiving \$500 a month for two years. Payments began in February of 2023, and a six-month update was released in September of 2023. More info: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/ARISE> | 703-746-6400

CashRx | Bread for the City - Bread for the City is currently providing monthly payments to a group of 5-10 patients within BFTC's medical clinic. The program launched in November of 2023 and will last for one year. The goal of this program is to supplement BFTC's medical care with direct cash giving to address social determinants of health and improve health outcomes. More info: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3a31b0dc17544d07a196669a33ec1b70>



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Fairfax County Economic Mobility Pilot - The Fairfax County Economic Mobility Pilot is currently providing monthly payments of \$750 to 180 families. These families are "ALICE"--Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed--meaning they earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for county/state in which they live. The program launched in October of 2023 and will continue through December of 2024. More info: <https://www.ffxnow.com/2022/01/12/fairfax-county-seeks-to-break-cycle-of-poverty-with-basic-income-pilot/>

Let's GO DMV! - Let's GO DMV! is currently providing \$1,000 a month to 75 hospitality workers in the DC area who became unemployed or underemployed due to COVID-19. Payments began in March of 2022 and will continue for five years. More info: <https://www.letsgodmv.org/> | (202) 939-3390

MoCo BOOST | Montgomery County - MoCo BOOST (Building Our Opportunities and Strength Today) is currently providing \$800 a month to 300 Montgomery County households for two years. The program launched in 2022, and recipients include 100 households recently served by the Montgomery County Homeless Continuum of Care and 200 participants with at least one child/dependent who had previously sought assistance from the County during the COVID 19 pandemic. More info: <https://mocoboost.org/>

MotherUp | Mother's Outreach Network - For Black mothers living in DC below 250% of the federal poverty level who have a current or recent case with the DC Child and Family Services Agency, Mother's Outreach Network is to disbursing \$500 a month for three years. Phase 1 launched in spring of 2023 with a cohort of five mothers, and phases 2 and 3 will launch in 2024. More info: <https://mothersoutreachnetwork.org/mother-up-pilot/> | (202) 818-8649

My Sister's Place Cash Transfer Program - Through their cash transfer program, My Sister's Place is providing \$500 a month for two years to 45 singles and families fleeing domestic violence. The program launched in February of 2023, and MSP is currently fundraising to increase their monthly payments to \$1,000 a month. More info: <https://www.mysistersplacedc.org/news-media/> | (202) 540-1064

FUTURE (programs still in development)

Thrive Prince George's - Thrive Prince George's is a two-year, \$4 million guaranteed income pilot that will provide monthly payments of \$800 to 50 youth (age 18-24) who have aged out of foster care and 125 seniors (age 60+) for a 24-month period. The program is spearheaded by the Greater Washington Community Foundation, Prince George's County Executive and Council, and the Meyer Foundation. More info: <https://www.thecommunityfoundation.org/news/prince-georges-county-launches-its-first-ever-guaranteed-income-program>