

# Guaranteed Basic Income

## Support the Evergreen Basic Income Program, HB 1045

Freedom and Peace of Mind for Washington Families in Tough Circumstances

We believe that the experts on the needs of working communities are the people - single moms budgeting for diapers, first-gen college students depending on food pantries, and immigrant parents counting bills at the kitchen table. No matter the size of our paychecks, we all deserve to have what we need to pay for our families' everyday needs and pursue our own goals in life.

A 2-year pilot Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) program would provide monthly, unconditional, and unrestricted cash payments to offer participants greater freedom, dignity, and choice in caring for themselves and their families.

- The GBI program is based on existing community-driven pilot programs and the statewide GBI feasibility study, which show that GBI improves food security, mental health, poverty rates, employment rates, and child development
- Program eligibility would be open to all adult Washington residents whose income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level who are 18 years or older

- The pilot program is designed to reflect geographic variations in costs of living - participants of the pilot program would receive a monthly payment that is equal to the cost of rent for a 2-bedroom unit in their area of residence
- The program is designed to prevent loss of other benefits by providing exemptions in other benefits programs, financial counseling, and funding to directly reimburse any loss

- The program would focus on individuals from key groups that would most benefit from direct cash assistance: pregnant people or a parents of a young child; folks experiencing homelessness; immigrants, refugees, and asylees; those exiting from the foster care system, the juvenile justice system, or the criminal justice system; those exiting a relationship or living situation due to domestic violence; and folks living with disability or behavioral health disorder

House hold size	Income Limit		Monthly Benefit Amount Examples (based on rent costs)
1	\$27,180		
2	\$36,620		
3	\$46,060	Garfield County	\$892
4	\$55,500	Chelan County	\$1,292
5	\$64,940	King and Snohomish Counties	\$2,199

We know that having a little cash allows families to make the choices we need to thrive. It's time to bring a Guaranteed Basic Income to Washington to support our working families in building our future.

### Who we are:

Balance Our Tax Code is a coalition made up of more than 100 labor unions, non-profits, immigrant rights advocates, human service providers, housing advocates and activists. Together, we work to educate, advocate, shape public opinion, and pass laws until we have a tax code that supports a way of life that works for all of us, not just the wealthy few.

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