



PROVIDENCE GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM



Mayor Jorge O. Elorza has joined Mayors for Guaranteed Income, a coalition of more than 50 mayors from across the country to put forth a pilot program to test the effects and outcomes of guaranteed income. Mayors for a Guaranteed Income supports an income floor to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net and serve as a tool for racial and gender equity.

Providence Guaranteed Income is a **philanthropically funded** pilot program that will provide monthly, recurring cash payments given directly to individuals. It is **unconditional**, with no strings attached and no work or education requirements. The program is **not universal** but is designed to **target a specific population**.

How many Providence residents will receive guaranteed income?

The Providence Guaranteed Income pilot program will serve **110 households for one year**. That scope, while enormously significant to participants, does not meet the needs of our entire community. The goal of the Providence Guaranteed Income pilot program is to display the positive effects and outcomes of guaranteed income and to be used to advocate for similar programs at the state and federal level.

Who is eligible to receive guaranteed income through this pilot?

Providence residents with an income below 200% of the Federal Poverty level will be eligible and encouraged to apply to participate in this pilot. An outside entity will conduct a lottery to select participants from the pool of applicants. Once participants are selected, a second lottery will sort participants into a “treatment group” and a “control group.”

The control group allows us to understand the impact of guaranteed income over time amongst two similar groups of people: one who receives guaranteed income and one who does not.

Will guaranteed income influence other benefits?

The City of Providence and our partners are working closely with the RI Department of Human Services to keep guaranteed income from impacting benefits such as RI Works, Child Care Assistance, LIHEAP, and emergency rental assistance.

Who designed the Providence Guaranteed Income Pilot Program?

The City of Providence conducted extensive community outreach to design this program. Organizations engaged include Direction Action for Rights and Equality (DARE), United Way of RI, Rhode Island Foundation, Alliance to Mobilize our Resistance (AMOR), RI Kids Count, Economic Progress Institute, Providence Human Relations Commission and others.