

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
APPROVING THE GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the City Council adopted a resolution supporting the Principles of the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Initiative and expressing support for the development of a basic income, a cash-based pilot program in the City of Mountain View; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the City Council included funding for the first year of a basic income pilot program as part of the fiscal year budget adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program aligns with the City Council's Strategic Roadmap adopted in June 2021, which includes a Community for All Strategic Priority, and further addresses the growing income inequality; and

WHEREAS, the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program is focused on addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged in the community, in particular, extremely low-income families with children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program provides a monthly cash payment to a defined population of residents, empowering them to make their own decisions on how to spend the money in the way that best meets their basic needs, providing dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program is not like other financial assistance programs with regular payments made for a period of time that are unrestricted, and with optional participation in a Randomized Controlled Trial research survey during the program. The survey and participation data collected will help inform larger policy and program development focused on alleviating poverty; and

WHEREAS, research results from an earlier basic income program have shown that basic income programs can have multifaceted benefits for participants and the wider community. As a guaranteed basic income reduced the month-to-month income volatility and fluctuations that households face, recipients were healthier, showed less depression and anxiety, and reported enhanced well-being, and the program provided the stability for recipients to create new opportunities, set goals, and make choices leading to full-time employment; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the City Council supported the staff recommendations for the design of a Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program presented at a Study Session on September 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View desires to adopt the program and research design for the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that:

1. The City Council hereby approves the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program as described in the Council Staff Report for the City Council meeting of February 22, 2022.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute the following on behalf of the City:

a. An agreement with the Community Services Agency (CSA) to be the project Nonprofit Implementation Partner for the pilot program; and

b. An agreement with the Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR) at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) to be the project Research Partner and provide full Randomized Control Trial evaluation for the pilot program; and

c. A nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) to be a Thought Partner on the project for no-cost, one-on-one technical assistance for the pilot program; and

d. Other related agreements reasonably necessary for implementation of the pilot program.

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