



# MINNESOTA BASIC INCOME GRANT PROGRAM

HF2666 (HOLLINS) / SF2559 (FATEH)

A basic income is a monthly, cash payment given directly to individuals with the intent to disrupt poverty, advance racial and gender equity and support basic needs. It is unconditional, with no strings attached and no work requirements. A basic income is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net.

## KEY PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

**Builds on the success and lessons learned from Basic Income programs implemented in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Otter Tail County, and over 80 communities across the nation.**

**Targeted to Minnesotans receiving any public benefit or with an income at or below 300% of the poverty guideline.**

**Funded by both state and private dollars.**

**Grantees will participate in a Basic Income Community of Practice and program evaluation requirements.**

**Grantees will design their program based on community need with insights from people intended to be served by the program.**

**\$200 million**  
appropriation over the biennium.

**Disbursed as competitive grants to local municipalities, tribal governments and nonprofits to create localized demonstration projects.**

**Monthly payments will range from \$350 - \$1200/month for a period of 12-24 months.**

**Estimated impact:**  
**20,000+**  
Minnesota individuals, children and families.

## EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE BILL

Increased employment and career growth

Improved mental health

Increased ability to withstand unexpected events in life

Improved child development outcomes

Prove viability of a statewide basic income program

# WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR



## In their own words: Impact on Families and Individuals

*"They don't think they're getting anything for Christmas. I can't wait to see their faces."*



*"The People's Prosperity Pilot was a 'life raft' and felt 'like a brighter pathway opened up for my kids' and 'like a little weight - a big weight, actually - just kind of lifted.'"*



*"I was able to do a training program to learn software coding and find a new job with that new skill."*

# Basic Income...

Findings from the first year of the SEED pilot in Stockton, CA found that the unconditional cash helped recipients find full-time employment.

In the Stockton pilot, participants were less anxious and depressed, both over time and compared to the control group.

Basic Income prevents the tailspin of trying to make ends meet when emergencies surface.

In 2022, The Baby's First Year Experiment, which included Saint Paul families, found that receiving unconditional cash changed babies' brain activity at age one in ways associated with stronger cognitive development.

Data from 20 Basic Income pilots from across the Country show that 40% of monthly payments were spent at retailers and discount superstores on things like clothes, food, household goods, and hygiene products, 27% was spent at grocery stores, 9% was spent on transportation costs, and 7% went to housing and utilities.

Alleviates  
Barriers to  
Full-Time  
Employment

Improves  
Mental Health  
Outcomes

Reduces  
Impact of  
Unexpected  
Economic  
Shocks

Improves  
Infant and  
Toddler  
Developmental  
Outcomes

Payments  
Overwhelmingly  
Spent on  
Immediate  
Needs

## SUPPORTERS



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