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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: *KP* Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: *for SS* Cross Programs: (USES) S.T.E.P. and (BAY-CASH)

Overview

Two pilot programs have been added to Universal Basic Income / Guaranteed Minimum Income Pilots.

(1) United South End Settlements (USES) [S.T.E.P. program](#) (Striving Towards Economic Prosperity) provides \$800 per month for 16 parents of children enrolled in their youth programs for a period of 18-months to support families working toward increased financial stability. The program is currently in its second cohort.

(2) Starting in 2024, the Boston Area Youth-Cash Assistance for Stable Housing ([BAY-CASH](#)) initiative pilot program will provide two cash payments of \$600 per month (\$1200 total) to approximately 60 unaccompanied unhoused youth (ages 18-24) over a period of two years. Participants can also draw down an additional one-time payment of \$3,000 at any time during the pilot to cover a significant expense.

The income received from United South End Settlements (USES) S.T.E.P. program and BAY-CASH program is non-countable for all DTA programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff that:

- the online guide page layout has been revised for easier readability and,
 - United South End Settlements (USES) S.T.E.P. program and BAY-CASH program have been added to UBI non-countable for all DTA programs.
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Revised Online Guide Pages

Topic:	Cross Program
Book:	Universal Basic Income/ Guaranteed Minimum Income Pilots
Page:	Universal Basic Income/ Guaranteed Minimum Income Pilots

Questions

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