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**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff  
**From:** Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Local Implementation and Special Populations  
**Re:** Cross Programs: The Uplift Salem Guaranteed Income Pilot

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**Overview**

Effective October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, The City of Salem, in partnership with Salem State University and UpTogether, a Fund implementation and payment processing partner, will launch Uplift Salem, a guaranteed income pilot program.

Uplift Salem will provide \$500 a month for a period of 12 months to 100 eligible participants who reside in Salem, including unhoused residents who spend the majority of their time in Salem and who have household or family incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty level based on household size.

Pilot participants will be randomly selected from eligible applications, with members receiving their first payments by December 1, 2024.

The Income received from Uplift Salem is non-countable for all DTA programs.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of The Uplift Salem Guaranteed Income Pilot, as well as updates to the cross-program OLG page regarding Universal Basic Income/ Guaranteed Minimum Income Pilots.

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Guide Pages**

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**Questions**

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#).

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk at [DTA-DL-ITRequests@MassMail.State.MA.US](mailto:DTA-DL-ITRequests@MassMail.State.MA.US).

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## Universal Basic Income / Guaranteed Minimum Income Pilots

### What is the difference between Universal Basic Income (UBI) and Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) programs?

- UBI programs provide a given sum of money to all members of a community regardless of income, resources, or employment status.
- GMI programs provide unconditional, regular cash payments to certain members of a community meeting certain eligibility thresholds are met, such as income level.

### Is income from UBI and GMI pilots countable for DTA Programs?

Income from UBI or GMI pilots are considered non-countable for TAFDC and EAEDC programs. For SNAP, income from a UBI or GMI pilot is considered non-countable unless the UBI or GMI payments are fully funded by a government source, even if the agency administering the program is not a government entity.

Because income from a pilot is temporary, DTA applicants/clients who are participating in a UBI or GMI pilot should remain connected to all DTA programs and services for which they are otherwise eligible.

### Which UBI or GMI pilots are non-countable?

To determine if the income from a UBI or GMI pilot is countable for DTA programs, policy staff need to look at the funding source.

DTA has determined that the income received from the following pilots is non-countable for all DTA programs:

- [Family Health Project](#)
- [Rise Up Cambridge](#)
- Pediatric RISE Program Phase 2
- Pediatric RISE in High-Risk Neuroblastoma
- [Newton Thrive](#)
- Support to Low-Income Mothers of Preterm Infants Pilot
- [United South End Settlements \(USES\) S.T.E.P. program](#)
- Uplift Salem
- [Boston Area Youth-Cash Assistance for Stable Housing program \(BAY-CASH\)](#)
- [Camp Harbor View Guaranteed Income Program](#)
- Somerville Guaranteed Basic Income Program
- Springfield WORKS Cliff Effect Pilot

If a client reports they are participating in a UBI or GMI pilot, or something that sounds similar but is not listed above, appropriate TAO staff should send the information to the Procedural Issues Mailbox for a determination to be made.

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