

# The Denver Basic Income Project (DBIP)

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# Introduction to DBIP

- <https://denverbasicincomeproject.org/>
- Founded by Mark Donovan
- Providing \$12,000 in guaranteed income over 12 months to people experiencing homelessness
  - Debit card
  - Smart phone
  - Benefits counseling
  - Money belt

# Introduction to DBIP (continued)

DBIP delivered to:

- People experiencing homelessness in the city of Denver
- Must be attached to a participating homelessness serving community-based organization

DBIP Contributions to Guaranteed Income

- People experiencing homelessness
- Lump sum vs. monthly cash
- Comparison group
- Large sample (820)

# GBI Outcomes

## New Leaf

British Columbia, Canada

\$7,500 lump sum

50 Individuals newly homeless  
and in transitional housing

Randomized Controlled Trial

## Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration

Stockton, California

\$500/month for 24 months

125 Individuals/families living  
below AMI (\$46,033)

Randomized Controlled Trial

## Magnolia Mother's Trust

Jackson, Mississippi

\$1,000/month for 12 months

110 Black mothers living in  
extreme poverty

# DBIP Outcomes

- Income volatility
  - Decrease in monthly income volatility
- Employment
  - Increase in full-time employment
- Mental health and well-being
  - Decrease in anxiety and depressive symptoms
- Food security and basic needs
  - Increase in food security
  - Decrease in length of time homeless

# Studying DBIP

At the conclusion of this project, we will understand DBIPs impact on:

- Alcohol and substance use
- Child well-being
- Financial well-being
- Food security
- Housing stability
- Physical and psychological health
- Relationships
- Sense of control
- Safety and hope

# DBIP Research Methods

## Mixed-methods randomized control trial

- Treatment Group A: \$1,000 a month for 12 months
- Treatment Group B: \$6,500 at enrollment then \$500 a month for the next 11 months
- Treatment Group C: \$50 a month for 12 months

## Data Collection

- Long form survey at 3 time points
- Weekly text surveys
- Spending data
- In-depth interviews

# DBIP Research Methods (cont.)

## Sample

- 820 people experiencing homelessness and connected or homelessness services in Denver
- Stratified to capture over-representation of people experiencing homelessness who identify as African American, Native American, Pacific Islander
- Partnering with community-based organizations in Denver

## Data Analysis

- Cost analysis
- Economic forecasting

Results available the beginning of 2023



# Challenges

- Attachment to organizations
- Benefits cliff
- Community-based organizations capacity

Questions?

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