

SILICON VALLEY GUARANTEED INCOME PROJECT



SVGIP Study

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) invites you to participate in an important study to help us better understand the experiences and needs of families experiencing homelessness or unstable housing in Santa Clara County, and how no-strings cash assistance, also called 'guaranteed income', given directly to families for 2 years might help improve their living situation, health, and well-being. **This study is called the "Silicon Valley Guaranteed Income Project," (SVGIP)** and is a collaboration with our community partners – Destination: Home, the ¡Sí Se Puede! Collective, the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing, and Sacred Heart Community Service. UCSF is helping with research and evaluation activities.

We are inviting 300 families in Santa Clara County experiencing homelessness or unstable housing to participate. The goal of this study is to better understand the situations of these families and how receiving cash assistance might help with housing, health, and well-being. The knowledge and expertise shared by these families will be used to develop future policies and programs, to better help families like yours. The study will be for 3 years. We will ask you will complete a 45-minute survey (either by phone, online, or in-person) when the study starts and then every 6 months. We will also call you monthly for a brief 5-minute check-in to confirm your contact information. You will receive a \$50 gift card for each survey and \$5 gift card for each check-in, up to a total of \$550 in gift cards for completing all surveys and check-ins.

Additionally, half of families who agree to participate in the study will be randomly selected to receive guaranteed income, or no-strings cash assistance in an amount equivalent to \$1000 per month for 2 years. Each family will have a 50% chance of being selected. All families, whether or not they receive guaranteed income, can receive gift cards for completed surveys and check-ins.

If you are ready to participate or have any questions, **please call or text our study staff at (408) 477-4472 or (408) 477-0502 to speak with someone or leave a message with the best time and number to call you back.** You can also email us at SVGIP@ucsf.edu.

Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Silicon Valley Guaranteed Income Project