

We are each the experts in our own lives and know how to meet our needs better than anyone else. We all deserve to have what we need to put food on the table, pay for our families' everyday needs, and pursue our own goals in life.

## Ensure a Baseline of Financial Security through a Guaranteed Basic Income

### Support the Evergreen Basic Income Trust, HB 2009

The Evergreen Basic Income Trust (EBIT) is a 3-year pilot Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) program. It provides monthly, unconditional cash payments to participants for **greater freedom, dignity, and choice** in caring for themselves and their families.

The EBIT pilot program is intended to build on existing locally-based, community-driven pilot programs and the statewide GBI feasibility study:

- Program eligibility would be open to all adult Washington residents whose income is at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Participants of the pilot program would receive a monthly payment that is equal to the cost of rent for a 2-bedroom unit in their area of residence.
- The pilot program is designed to reflect geographic variations in costs of living.



	<u>Annual Income Limit for 1 Person (50% AMI)</u>	<u>Monthly Benefit Amount</u>
<b>Yakima County</b>	\$24,750	\$1,050
<b>Wenatchee</b>	\$25,000	\$1,126
<b>King and Snohomish Counties</b>	\$40,500	\$1,940

#### HB 2009 prioritizes reaching Washingtonians who are often economically excluded:

- HB 2009 outlines **partnering with community-based organizations** to support outreach and enrollment efforts to the lowest-income households and other key demographics (i.e. young adults who have aged out of foster care, young adults experiencing homelessness, adults who were formerly incarcerated, immigrants and refugees, people in rural communities)
- HB 2009 intends for the EBIT pilot program to allow for **automatic enrollment** and **not impact access to other public benefits** like food assistance, child care, etc.