

## **Cohort Two Report Summary**

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### **About**

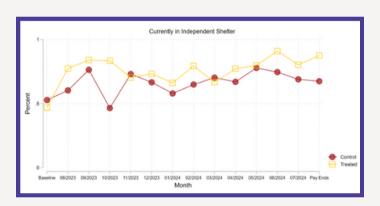
The Project Community Connections, Inc. (PCCI) cash transfer pilot program aims to address homelessness by combining unconditional cash transfers (UCT) with robust housing support services. This report evaluates the outcomes of the second cohort, focusing on financial security, housing stability, and program feedback.

**Key Findings** 



#### **Housing Stability**

- Participants receiving UCT payments exhibited greater transitions into independent housing.
- Cash transfers played a critical role in securing rentals and meeting eligibility criteria.



UCT recipients were more likely to be living in independent shelter (their own apartment or home) compared to the control group.



### **Financial Security**

- Participants reported improved budgeting capabilities and reduced reliance on high-cost financial services such as payday loans.
- Predictable payments improved their ability to cover essential expenses.

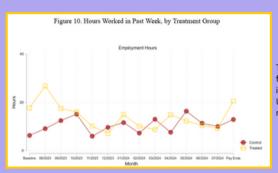


**Key Findings Continued...** 



# Employment and Transportation

 Cash transfers mitigated employment barriers, such as transportation costs, enabling job access and retention.



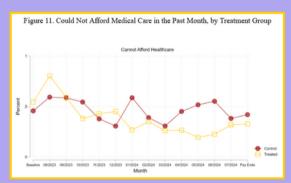
The average hours worked for both groups are similar, indicating that receiving UCTs did not significantly reduce work hours.



#### **Healthcare Access**

- Cash assistance allowed participants to afford medical care and medications, contributing to improved physical and mental health.
- Reduced financial stress alleviated triggers for substance use.

The treatment group was more likely to be able to afford health care, compared to the control group.





# Client and Caseworker Perspectives

- Participants highlighted improved quality of life, gratitude for the assistance, and a heightened sense of security.
- Caseworkers observed enhanced client autonomy, trust, and communication due to the unconditional nature of the support.

"It felt like I'd already been blessed [by PCCI], and this was overwhelming in the best way. As I was moving from the streets to an apartment, the PEX Card came in, helped stabilize things, and covered what I needed."