

## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Exempt Guaranteed Income From County Adult Assistance Program Determinations]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to exempt payments received by housed participants in Guaranteed Income pilot programs from the Human Service Agency's determinations regarding the participants' eligibility for the County Adult Assistance Programs and the amount of aid the participants may receive.**

### Existing Law

The Human Services Agency (HSA) administers the County Adult Assistance Programs (CAAP) for the City and County of San Francisco, which provide financial assistance and social services to indigent San Franciscans. CAAP includes five separate programs: General Assistance, Personal Assistance Employment Services (PAES), Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal (CALM), Supplemental Security Income Pending (SSIP), and Family General Relief, which are codified in Article VII of Chapter 20 of the Administrative Code.

To be eligible for CAAP, an applicant or recipient must exhaust all assets or resources available to that person. Article VII exempts certain real and personal property from the CAAP eligibility determination. It also exempts from the eligibility determination eight categories of income or resources that an individual could receive while participating in CAAP. Generally, the types of income either 1) require the participant to engage in activities, such as seeking employment or education, or 2) provide funding necessary to address the added costs associated with a particular hardship, such as displacement by a redevelopment agency, old age, blindness, disability, and certain dependent assistance.

### Amendments to Current Law

This proposed ordinance would add a new category of exempt income to the existing list of income or resources that are not considered in the CAAP eligibility determination but only for housed CAAP applicants or recipients. Specifically, the proposed ordinance would exempt payments received for participation in a Guaranteed Income pilot program, which is a program that provides unconditional cash payments over a specified period of time to a specified participant population.

### Background Information

There are both private and public San Francisco-based Guaranteed Income pilot programs. Two Guaranteed Income pilot programs target populations that may include CAAP recipients. The Black Economic Equity Move (BEEM) Project provides guaranteed income to housed CAAP recipients. BEEM Project provides unconditional direct payments to improve the financial, mental, and physical health outcomes for young Black adults in San Francisco and

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participants receive \$500 per month for 12 months. The Miracle Money Project provides guaranteed income to homeless CAAP recipients. The Miracle Money Project provides unconditional direct payments to improve the lives of homeless adults in San Francisco and participants receive \$750 per month for 12 months. This fall, HSA intends to administer its own Guaranteed Income pilot program for former foster youth where participants will receive \$1,800 per month for 18 months. The funds for this program will come from a \$3.3 million grant to HSA from the California Department of Social Services.

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