Fairfax County | ECONOMIC | MOBILITY PILOT |

The Fairfax County Economic Mobility Pilot (FCEMP) will provide monthly cash payments to eligible, randomly selected households – along with optional financial wellness supports – to promote economic mobility and social capital. Fairfax County has designed the pilot to focus on households, referred to as the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population, which may earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for Virginia. The FCEMP includes three elements:

- A monthly payment of \$750 to 180 eligible families for 15 months
- Freedom of choice for the families to use the cash as they deem necessary
- Optional financial wellness supports and the opportunity to increase their social networks through virtual or in-person events

As of October 23, 2023, the pilot enrollment is closed. The 180 randomly selected households will begin receiving payments. Participants should contact FECSoCo with questions about payments.

Participants are encouraged to learn about free services offered by the FECSoCo. If you would like to use this opportunity to learn how to stretch your dollars, get out of debt, improve your credit score, get help finding a new job, or learn IT skills, or more please contact <u>Financial Empowerment Center</u> or Blenda Andrade Alvarez at 571-354-7306. All services are **free**, and most are online. <u>Sign up for FECSoCo's newsletter</u>.

The Economic Mobility Pilot program has joined with a team of researchers at George Mason University Center for Social Science to better understand how the program is affecting enrolled families. The researchers at George Mason are asking for volunteers for individual and group interviews. What you share in the interviews will be kept confidential. Your experiences are extremely valuable to helping this program succeed in the long term.

Participants who agree to be interviewed will earn additional income for their families.

For more information on how to participate in the study, click <u>here</u>.

If for whatever reason you need to withdraw your application, please contact GIpilot@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Questions? Reach out to Blenda Andrade Alvarez, Economic Mobility Specialist at economicmobility@FECSoCo.org or 571-354-7306

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