

# **GRIT**

**Growing Resilience In Tacoma**

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# Programming

- ❖ 110 participants receive \$500/month for 12 months
- ❖ 132 participants engaged as control group (do not receive GI)
- ❖ All 242 are: ALICE, single income earner households with children and reside in 98404, 98405, 98408, or

98409



# Programming: Recipient Demographics

Race (in %)	
Black/African American	42
White	38
American Indian/Alaska Native	6
Asian	6
Other	8

Gender (in %)	
Female	82.41
Male	16.67
Non-binary/non-conforming	0.93



# Programming

- ❖ \$495,000 disbursed so far - will be \$660,000 total
- ❖ Treatment and control invited to participate in surveys and interviews (participants compensated at \$30/hr)
- ❖ Offboarding process begins in August and finishes in November
- ❖ 1:1 benefits counseling offered to all 110 recipients
- ❖ UWPC currently modeling continuation for consideration



# Narrative Change

- ❖ All GI work is narrative change work
- ❖ Media appearances – King5, KUOW, KNKX, TNT, CrossCut, OPB
- ❖ Public art piece with local artist
- ❖ Feature-length documentary with Blowback Productions
- ❖ Program Director presenting at national conferences
- ❖ Monthly newsletter
- ❖ Task force engaged to find new opportunities



# Advocacy

- ❖ Advise on the creation of DSHS GI Feasibility Study
- ❖ Program Director in leadership role for statewide advocates, policy development, and testimony provisions
- ❖ Partner with Humanity Forward for national housing protection
- ❖ Program Director presenting at national conferences
- ❖ UWPC and UWPNW name GI as tier 1 advocacy priority
- ❖ MGI utilize GRIT data in national strategy







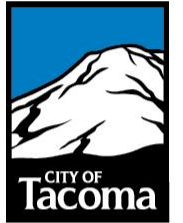
# Recipient Story



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