Direct Cash Assistance

What is Direct Cash Assistance?

Direct Cash Assistance/Transfers is an intervention that supports individuals with direct cash payments to support and empower getting back on their feet. This assistance helps to break down barriers and give individuals the trust they deserve to end their homelessness and poverty. In the homeless services sphere, Direct Cash Transfers can be offered through **Cash as Prevention**: a one-time payment, or **Direct Cash Transfers as Housing Intervention**: a series of cash payments monthly or biweekly.

Point Source Youth & Direct Cash Assistance

Point Source Youth (PSY) is an organization that works to end youth homelessness across communities nationwide. One way PSY does this is by bringing flexible and efficient support to youth through Direct Cash Transfers. These Direct Cash Transfers help bring youth out of poverty to prevent entering homelessness or help in busting the barriers to getting out of homelessness. PSY has brought Direct Cash Assistance to communities such as Oregon, New York, Los Angeles, and Washington as an effective intervention for young people experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

To learn more about Point Source Youth and their effort to support youth, follow this link:

Point Source Youth

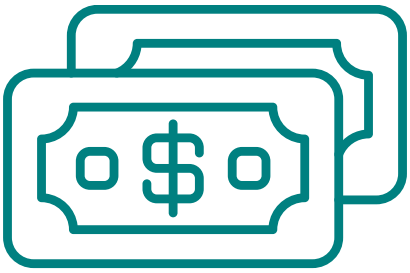
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Bringing Direct Cash Assistance to Detroit Youth

In recent efforts, the Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND), Point Source Youth and community partners have been exploring and developing plans to bring these Direct Cash Transfers to Detroit. In June 2025, HAND conducted listening and co-design sessions with youth and community partners to brainstorm ideas of how to effectively bring Direct Cash Assistance into Detroit. Since then, HAND has been exploring finding private funders and creating a “readiness report” to demonstrate Detroit’s ability to support this intervention. More updates will come soon!







Benefits for Youth

- Self-Sufficiency
- Unconditional Support
- Flexible Approach to Support
- Building Trust
- Giving Youth a Needed Resource
- Turning Surviving into Thriving

Resources to Learn More

Point Source Youth Direct Cash Transfers: bit.ly/44JYOZD

Direct Cash Transfers Handbook by Point Source Youth: bit.ly/4iLiPnq

Detroit Co-Design Session Flyers & Details: bit.ly/3XJ6Q0g