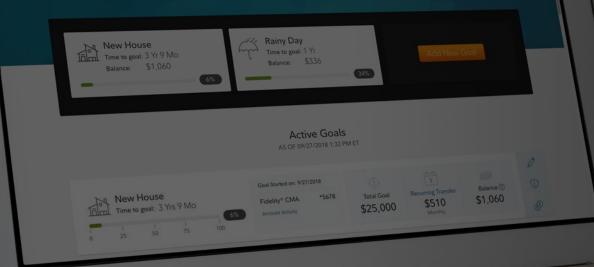


Fidelity | Goal Booster

# Emergency Savings & other savings goals

Help your employees in the near-term. Tack, Manage, Be awesome.



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# Americans struggle to save for immediate and short-term needs



of U.S. households cannot come up with \$400 cash to cover an emergency expense<sup>1</sup>



Only 2-in-5 women have 3 to 6 months' worth of emergency savings<sup>2</sup>



Less than 1/3
of employees living
paycheck-to-paycheck have 3
to 6 months' worth of
emergency savings<sup>2</sup>

When unexpected expenses arise, those without cash on hand may look to:



credit card



payday loan



hardship withdrawal



retirement plan loan

# Emergency savings problems have brewed for years, but the pandemic exacerbated them

Over the past 15 years, participants have increasingly taken early withdrawals from their retirement accounts to cover unforeseen expenses. This trend culminated in 2020 and 2021 largely due to economic impacts from the pandemic.



- 1. U.S. Federal Reserve, Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2020-May 2021.
- 2. Fidelity suggests setting aside 3 to 6 months' worth of living expenses as protection from loss of income or unexpected expenses. Fidelity Investments Financial Wellness Money Check-up responses from Jan. 1-June 30, 2022.

# Employers have a key role to play in helping their employees accumulate short-term savings: in-plan or out-of-plan

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Emergency Savings Options: a side-by-side comparison		
	In-Plan with SECURE 2.0*	Out-of-Plan
Employee Balance	Capped at \$2500 (or less)	No limits
Population	Plan Eligible Non-Highly Compensated	ALL active employees
Enrollment	Auto-enrollment possible	Employees must choose to enroll
Match	Emergency savings contributions will be match-eligible <b>only for</b> retirement account	Possibility to match <u>directly into</u> account for emergency savings.
Fidelity Solution	Not available at this time	Available today; Proven solution since Dec '19

<sup>\*</sup>SECURE 2.0 includes an optional provision for sponsors to offer an in-plan emergency savings account linked to a defined contribution (DC) retirement plan.

#### Additional Secure 2.0 In-Plan considerations:

- Employer cost associated with additional fiduciary responsibility
- \$2,500 cap may be too low for many, restricting employee choice
- Payroll administration needed to ensure contributions stop once cap is met and then start again after withdrawals
- Auto enrollment: driving early adoption with potential long-term employee hardship

# Fidelity believes an out-of-plan solution is most effective

**Fidelity continues to focus on a hybrid approach.** A solution outside of the retirement plan while being offered **through the workplace** in collaboration with the plan sponsor.

In evaluating employees' needs, we believe that an effective emergency savings option:



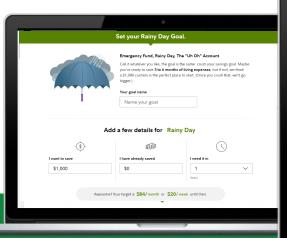
# Fidelity Goal Booster<sup>SM</sup>

Help your workforce start saving for emergencies and other short-term goals



#### Set a goal

Simple questions help establish realistic savings expectations.





#### Start saving

Automated funding made easy - via Bank ACH, Direct Deposit or Payroll Integration





#### Defend and celebrate

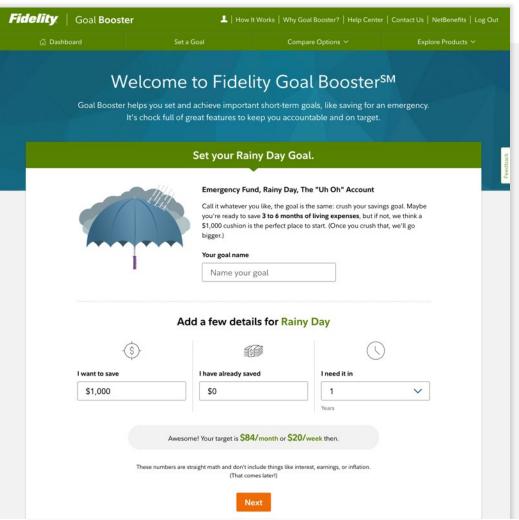
Behavioral nudges, goal defenders, and milestone celebrations help savers stay focused





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# A dedicated path for emergency savings



#### Give Permission to take "Baby Steps"

Providing an initial target of \$1,000 can feel more achievable than working towards 3-6 months of living expenses.

### **Simplify Choice**

For emergency savings, we help employees evaluate the Fidelity® Cash Management Account¹, a brokerage account with features similar to a traditional checking or savings account. Cash balances are FDIC insured², earn interest, and there are no account fees or minimums to open.

#### **Drive Results**

While employees set a variety of short-term goals in Goal Booster, our data<sup>3</sup> shows they are twice as likely to take action and open an account with a Rainy Day goal.

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<sup>1</sup> The Fidelity Cash Management Account is a brokerage account designed for investing, spending, and cash management. Investing includes options and margin trading. For a more traditional brokerage account, consider a Fidelity Account®.

<sup>2</sup> The Fidelity® Cash Management Account's uninvested cash balance is swept to one or more program banks where it earns a variable rate of interest and is eligible for FDIC insurance. At a minimum, there are five banks available to accept these deposits, making customers eligible for nearly \$1,250,000 of FDIC insurance. If the number of available banks changes, or you elect not to use, and/or have existing assets at, one or more of the available banks, the actual amount could be higher or lower. All assets of the account holder at the depository institution will generally be counted toward the aggregate limit. For more information on FDIC insurance coverage, please visit <a href="www.FDIC.gov">www.FDIC.gov</a>. Customers are responsible for monitoring their total assets at each of the Program Banks to determine the extent of available FDIC insurance coverage in accordance with FDIC rules. Refer to the <a href="FDIC-Insured Cash (Core">FDIC-Insured Cash (Core</a>) Disclosure Statement and <a href="Iss to feligible Program Banks">Iss to feligible Program Banks</a> for details. The deposits at Program Banks are not covered by SIPC

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fidelity Goal Booster User Data, December 31, 2021.

## Flexible funding options

Automated funding made easy and encouraged.

### **Bank funding**

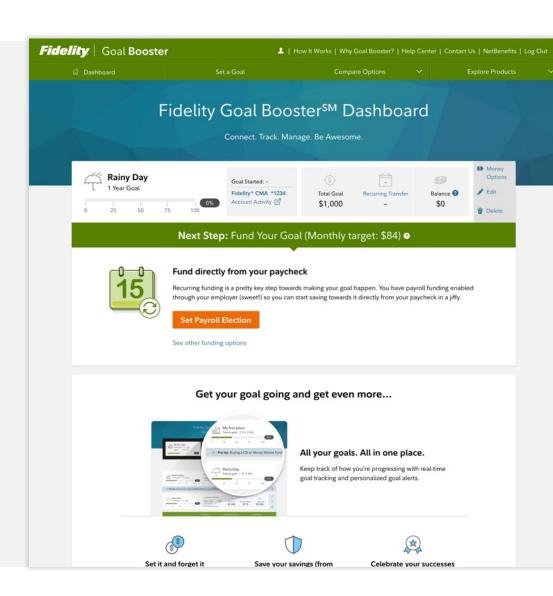
Connect a bank or credit union account and set a recurring monthly or bi-weekly transfer.

#### Paycheck direct deposit

Goal Booster helps employees calculate what they plan to take out of each paycheck and track progress. Employees then work directly with their employer's payroll system to authorize the direct deposit.

### Payroll integration (optional)

Set, track and manage payroll funding directly through the Goal Booster experience for up to five goal-based accounts. *Limited availability through 2024*.



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# **Client Examples**

## Fidelity-Supported Emergency Savings

#### **PLANSPONSOR**

BENEFITS | September 12, 2022

#### Starbucks Launches New Worker Benefits

Employees will be eligible for two new benefit programs this month.

Reported by NOAH ZUSS



- Beginning next week, Starbucks employees will have access to new benefits for financial stability, including a student loan management program.
- According to a press release, the Seattle-based company, in partnership with

#### **Build Behavior**

- Delta Air Lines
- Combines financial literacy with savings behavior
- Up to \$1k per employee

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#### **Build Savings**

- My Starbucks Savings
- Up to \$250 per employee

## **Employee Incentive Programs**



- Only available after payroll is integrated and employee opts in.
- Incentive program design, management and custom communications are also available as a fee-for-service through Fidelity Workplace Consulting.
- Once payroll is enabled, simplified employer contributions are possible if managed directly by employer.

#### planadviser.

PRODUCTS January 23, 2023

#### Delta Taps Fidelity to Run New Emergency Savings Program

Starting in January, Delta will give eligible employees up to \$1,000 toward an emergency savings account if they complete a financial education program.

By Alex Ortolani



#### **Fidelity** | Goal **Booster**

#### Learnings To Date – Employee Goals

Average

Goal Target \$5k

#### Helping Employees Save for a Rainy Day



#### Top 3 Goals with Dedicated Account Rainy Day Other Average Employee Goal Home Average **1.7**yrs Goal 2yrs 3yrs 3yrs Timeline

\$21k

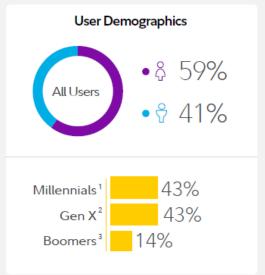
\$44k

#### Different Savers, Different Styles

Goal Booster offers different funding options to make it easy to save or invest no matter the funding preference.









\$13k

\*Take action is defined as linking a new or existing account to a | All data as of December 31, 2023 | 1 This definition of Millennials includes all those ages 39 or vourser Rainy Day goal and is compared to other goals on Goal Booster. | <sup>2</sup>This definition of GenX includes those ages 40-54 | <sup>3</sup>This definition of Boomers includes those ages 55 and above



- It gave my savings much better structure, rather than me just... saving the money in the bank.
- Q4 2021 | Customer Interview
- I save money, but... I end up spending it. Goal Booster is the only way I can actually save money without using it.
- Q4 2021 | Customer Interview
- I have been desperately wanting this type of service—to have multiple goals—so it's easy to keep track of what money is for what.
- Q2 2021 | Customer Survey

The experience of these customers may not be representative of the experi-of all customers and is not indicative of future success. Customers who agri

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