

LEVEL UP: Economic Mobility Program



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PROGRAM DETAILS

Purpose:

Critical or emergency assistance to residents in economic need that are not met by other programs or services.

Mission:

Move participants from one socioeconomic level to another.

Funding Details:

\$200,000 of City Cannabis Tax Revenue

Project Now Allocation:

\$120,000 for year-long monthly grants of \$400/family

\$60,000 for emergency assistance

\$20,000 for administration

Program Duration:

January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024



WHY LEVEL UP?

ADDRESSING ECONOMIC OBSTACLES IN MOLINE



15%

OF RESIDENTS
LIVE IN POVERTY

57.1%

OF STUDENTS
QUALIFY FOR FREE
OR REDUCED LUNCH

\$32,117

PER CAPITA MEDIAN
INCOME

\$59,697

HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN
INCOME

28.6%

HAS A BACHELOR'S
DEGREE OR HIGHER

1 IN 4

CONSIDERED
"HOUSING
BURDENED"



HOW DOES LEVEL UP WORK?

Level A: year-long disbursements of \$400/month grants to 25 qualifying families

Level B: one-time grants of variable amounts up to \$2000 (approx.150 residents) for emergency-critical assistance such as:

- **Driver's license access fees**
- **Basic Utilities Payments (behind on gas, electric, water shut offs)**
- **Emergency house maintenance issues (sewer, leaks, basement issues, etc.)**
- **Emergency Transportation issues (car repairs, bus cards)**
- **Medical emergencies**

Remainder: Project Now for administration and case management work.



HOW TO QUALIFY

MUST BE A MOLINE RESIDENT

COMPLETE THE LEVEL UP APPLICATION

LEVEL A YEAR-LONG GRANTS

Single parent or two-parent families where a parent is enrolled in an educational program at Black Hawk College, WIU- QC, Unity Point or University of Illinois Nursing Programs, or in a local apprenticeship in a trade organization or other credentialing program.

LEVEL B ONE-TIME GRANTS

Anyone 18 years old or older who meets the universal requirements. Only one issue and one application per person can be submitted over the life of the program.



DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

LEVEL A YEAR-LONG GRANTS

Project Now will disburse monthly funds via their established system of disbursement.

Payments are structured as gifts so as to not trigger ineligibility for other programs related to income level.

Should waivers be necessary, Project Now will work to obtain the correct ones from the state of IL to maintain participant eligibility for other benefits programs.

Participants sign informed consent forms and receive benefits counseling and case management

LEVEL B ONE-TIME GRANTS

Project Now will disburse one-time grants per their protocols based on their assessment of need and exploration of other funding sources first.



RESOURCES

LEVEL UP APPLICATION:

[HTTPS://PROJECTION.JOTFORM.COM/240103416922041](https://projection.jotform.com/240103416922041)

CITY OF MOLINE WEBSITE:

[WWW.MOLINE.IL.US](http://www.moline.il.us)

PROJECT NOW WEBSITE:

[WWW.PROJECTNOW.ORG](http://www.projectnow.org)

MAYORS FOR GUARANTEED INCOME:

[WWW.MAYORSFORAGI.ORG](http://www.mayorsforagi.org)

