

# LEVEL UP & LAUNCH

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **We previously received funding twice from Level Up & Launch Grants in 2022 and 2023, are we eligible to apply?**

Organizations that have received Level Up & Launch Grants for two consecutive years are ineligible for a grant in the third cycle. This aligns with the fundamental principles of the grants program, which seeks to fund innovative solutions to enhance the education, economic mobility, and health of Lancaster County residents through targeted Level Up & Launch Grants.

2. **We previously received funding once from Level Up & Launch Grants in 2022 or 2023, are we eligible to apply?**

Yes, it is essential to note that organizations awarded Level Up and Launch Grants once in previous cycles (2022 & 2023) must apply for a different project or propose an expansion of their current project in collaboration with another organization.

3. **Are we able to commit funds that were raised before receiving the grant to the match?**

The idea of the match is to help you develop new donors and convert present donors to this particular initiative. We hope this will help you in building sustainability for the project. That said, you are able to take previously unrestricted dollars and demonstrate through a board resolution their restriction to this project and they will be eligible for the match.

4. **Are we able to pair another grant received to this match opportunity?**

As long as the grant is funding the same project, the eligible dollars will be matched.

5. **If we exceed the initial grant amount in our fundraising efforts, will we be able to match those dollars?**

The only commitment of match dollars is dollars raised or committed up-to the initial grant amount.

6. **How do we design a project if we are only receiving part of the money guaranteed?**

Strong grant applications will demonstrate the way in which the program can scale. Thus, as it grows, this means that new dollars will be able to expand the work you are doing. Remember, our hope is that this match provides you an opportunity to develop relationships with your existing and new donors for sustainability in your effort.

7. **What happens to the money left over from grants that don't raise up to their eligible match amount?**

If the dollars are not met, we will look to see if there are projects that are ready for acceleration and further funding or other organizations that were not originally funded. In some cases, it is possible that the funds will still be advanced to the original project in consultation with United Way Staff and Committee.

**8. Is our program allowed to extend beyond one year?**

Yes! Our hope is to Level Up (help take existing community initiatives to the next level) and Launch (get shovel ready projects that just need to complete funding off the ground). The ultimate goal is these programs become long-term embedded programs for the advancement of our investment areas, with particular emphasis on collaboration and systemic transformation.

**9. We previously received (or were denied) funding from United Way of Lancaster County through a different grant, are we eligible to apply?**

Yes, there is no custodial period. All organizations that meet the eligibility criteria will be accepted.

**10. We were part of (or lead agency in) a Collective Impact grant. Are we eligible for funding?**

Yes, we hope your projects are continuing to advance and if they apply to this grant to advance the investment areas, we hope you will apply.

*\*As further questions arise, we will be making the questions and answers available for review.*