

Level Up and Launch Grant Year 2025 - 2026 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. We previously received Level Up & Launch funding. Are we eligible to apply again?

Yes, it is essential to note that organizations awarded Level Up and Launch Grants once in previous cycles must apply for a <u>different project</u> or <u>propose an expansion of their current project</u>.

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

Grantees can take previously unrestricted dollars and submit a signed statement from their board that communicates the newly designated fund restriction.

3. 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 those raised up to the initial grant amount.

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

Strong grant applications will show how 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.

5. 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 goal is to create long-term integrated programs for the advancement of our investment areas, with particular emphasis on collaboration and systemic transformation. Level Up & Launch grantees can receive funding for up to two consecutive years.

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



