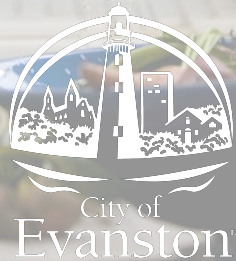


A child with their back to the camera, arms raised in a park-like setting with trees in the background.

# Guaranteed Income

Children & Seniors



# What is the Guaranteed Income Program?

- This program will provide unrestricted cash assistance for 102 qualifying Evanston families.
- For a 6 month period, participating families will receive \$500 monthly cash payments to use at their discretion.
- This program is designed to support our most vulnerable community members: low income children and seniors.

# Who Qualifies for this Program?

**You may qualify to apply for this program if you are an Evanston resident, and**

- You are a full time guardian to at least one child in second grade or younger, with a household income of less than 185% of the federal poverty level

**OR**

- You are 55 years or older as of May 1, 2026, with a household income of less than 185% of the federal poverty level

**Note: Due to high demand, qualifying residents who apply will enter a lottery. Not all qualifying residents will receive a spot in the program.**

# How do I Apply for this Program?

**Applications must be done in-person at one of the drop in application sessions that will be offered throughout the month of May.**

**You will need to bring a copy of your 2025 tax return to demonstrate that you qualify for residency, income eligibility, and age eligibility/ proof of dependent care.**

**No other documentation will be accepted.**

# How will Participants be Chosen?

Due to high demand, qualifying residents who apply will enter a lottery. Not all qualifying residents will receive a spot in the program.

Qualifying residents must attend an in-person application session throughout the month of May to provide proof of eligibility to submit an application.

On June 1, 2026, all qualifying applicants will be entered into a lottery to determine if they will be given a spot in the program. The City will contact all applicants to inform them of whether they have been offered a chance to participate in the program.

# I have more questions. Who can I contact?

Please email [gi@cityofevanston.org](mailto:gi@cityofevanston.org) with any questions. To sign up for alerts on drop in application times, visit the city's website at [cityofevanston.org](http://cityofevanston.org) to view the City's calendar for more events.