

November 2, 2025

GRANT REQUESTS: \$1377.72 to pay Delinquent Electric Utility Bill – details below

MO has three children. She has full custody of her 10 year old and 7 year old daughters from an earlier marriage – and a son who born in March 2025 with her husband, ZZ. The baby was born with a serious medical condition. ZZ was also diagnosed with a medical condition earlier this year and is waiting for medical clearance to return to work.

MO came to Vermont as a refugee when she was a toddler. Now in her late twenties, MO is multi-lingual, very capable, and a model in her community. MO is a young professional mom, who wants the best for her children and community. For nearly three years – MO has worked full time in Burlington. In that time she divorced, found a new partner and had a third child all while keeping her family's budget in order.

Even with juggling care (with the help of her husband and her mother who lives nearby) for her infant son who needed special support, prior to mid-summer, MO was doing well both personally and professionally. But, in July her son had surgery and MO took a leave from work to help him recover.

MO returned to work 15 hours a week in September. She has applied for Reach Up support and expects to receive some assistance soon. Her son's additional surgery is set for January. With all of the challenges facing her family, MO plans to work 15 hours a week until her baby's second surgery in January and plans to return to full time employment in February.

Her husband ZZ anticipates starting part time work this winter as well.

The family has a Section 8 housing subsidy – they have stayed up to date with most of their bills. Rent, their VT Gas bill, car payment, car insurance, and phone are up to date. They are anxious about the food stamp situation as their baby eats more formula than WIC provides and they have the added expense of diapers.

MO has been behind on her elected bill for a while and kept thinking that they could catch up.

Last week the family's electricity was shut off. The bill is \$1377.72 delinquent.