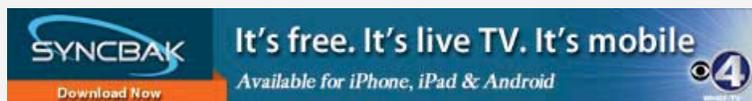


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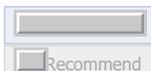
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When Moline homeowner Shelita Allen couldn't pay her mortgage after an injury in 2010, she didn't know where to turn.

"It was hard for my body to physically heal when there was a lot of emotional things going on," said Shelita.

She said the thought of losing the home she's had since 2004 was devastating.

Then one day, Shelita heard about the Illinois Hardest Hit program.

"I remember saying to myself, this is the hardest hit I've ever taken, so let me see about this," she said.

With smaller organizations like Bethany for Children and Families acting as the middle man, the state funded program gives money to homeowners like Shelita, whose income has been reduced because they're underemployed, or unemployed.

"This program will catch them up. And often at no cost to them," said Joscelyn Stone of Bethany for Children and Families.



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Soon, even more will be eligible.

Right now, homeowners in need can get up to \$25 thousand to help make mortgage payments.

Starting April first, the cap will be raised to \$35 thousand.

"The way that this will help is that fewer people will be turned away. Because it makes it available at such a larger rate, we'll see fewer ineligible applicants," said Stone.

As for Shelita, she's now working part time and is able paying more of her own mortgage.

But she still needs help, and hopes she's eligible for more money with the new cap.

"Either way, whether I do or not, if I got nothing else but what I have, I'm very blessed by that," she said.

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