

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Homelessness Prevention (HP) for Conferences Update

Effective 8/1/24

The following information is to provide important updates to the HP for Conferences program.

1. As our Homelessness Prevention Program (HPC program for conferences) continues to evolve and expand, we are increasingly aware of the need to collect data that evaluates the effectiveness of our services. With that in mind, we are now requesting Conferences to complete **the additional documents required for the research initiative with Arizona Housing Collaborative (AzHAC)**. This additional documentation is fairly simple to submit and not complex in nature. The research project we are participating in focuses on analyzing homelessness prevention programs and processes. In addition to providing us with data, our participation may assist us in securing additional funding opportunities.

Exceptions can be made for cases where the family is unwilling or unable to provide the supplemental documentation needed for this research project. Our goal is to support Conferences in their efforts to prevent homelessness, so please feel free to ask for special accommodations for families that fall outside of the research project requirements.

Note: The two additional documents, the Neighbor Assessment and Data Sharing Consent forms, that are being requested are listed below. If your neighbor chooses not to participate in the research project, HP will attempt to help with other funds. Keep in mind, that the majority of available assistance funds will now be linked to the AZHAC project.

2. The Council is attempting to use resources as equitably as possible - spending money where the greatest need and fewest other options exist. Please be aware that there are limited funds to be shared among 80 conferences

Process:

Conferences can request financial assistance for their neighbors in need by sending the following documents to HP@svdpaz.org. (We are working on a submission portal in the near future; please expect this procedure to change later this year.)

Note: all forms can be found online at <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/vincentian-support> >Conference Resources>Conference Co-Funding/Prevention Forms - August 2024

For All Assistance Requests, please submit:

- Conference Intake Application Form (fillable form)
- Statement of Eligibility (fillable form)
- Neighbor Assessment Form
- Data Sharing Consent Form
- Neighbor Picture ID

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For Rental Assistance, please submit:

- Lease Agreement – pages that include:
 - Landlord Name
 - Tenant Name
 - Residence Address
 - Lease Term
 - Amount of Rent
 - Landlord and Tenant Signatures

For APS, SRP, Southwest Gas (Wildfire) Assistance, please submit

- Copy of most recent bill
- If SRP: SRP Utility Authorization Form
- If APS or SWG: Utility Release Authorization
- Copy of all Household Income documents – for the past 30 days
- Wildfire Approval letter signed by neighbor is required before payment can be made to the Utility – will be provided after application is approved

For all other Utilities, please submit:

- Copy of most recent bill
- Utility Release Authorization

Maximum Payment Amounts per household:

- Rental/Mortgage Assistance – Up to \$2,500 per year
- Other Utilities - \$500 per year
- Total Amount of Assistance per Household per year - \$2,500
- Additionally, Wildfire Utility Assistance may be available as follows:
 - Wildfire -APS – Can only pay balance due, up to \$1,000, 2 applications per year
 - Wildfire – SRP – Up to \$600, 1 application per year
 - Wildfire – SWG - \$400, many applications per year

Please note:

HP uses various grant funds, as they are available, to serve neighbors. If additional documents are required by grants, you may receive a request for additional documents. Thank you for your cooperation and patience here.

After the application and all documents are received, conference members will be notified of the status of the application within 48-72 hours.

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Rent payments are normally made to the requesting Conference. If rent payments need to be made directly to the landlord, please include that information on the Notes section of the Intake Application form, including mailing address and how the check should be made out. Please indicate in the notes how much, if any, the conference can co-fund.

If you have any questions about the HP for Conferences program please contact Laurie Sobel, Manager, Homelessness Prevention (lsobel@svdpaz.org).

Please Click On Form Titles Below to Open Links:

Conference Intake Application Form

Data Sharing Consent Form-English & Spanish

Neighbor Assessment Form

Statement of Eligibility-English & Spanish

SRP Utility Authorization Form-English & Spanish

Utility Release Authorization Form