## **HP for Conferences – Questions**

Q: What is the dollar amount of the 6-month allocation for conferences?

**A:** Beginning on 4/1/25 and for a 6-month period, all participating conferences have up to \$19,300 to use for rent, mortgage or utilities.

**Q:** If a conference doesn't use the total allocation amount will the funds roll over to the conference's new HP period allocation?

**A:** Your unused amount will not be carried over and added to your Conference's next allocation. Any unused funds will be added to the total allocation fund that will be divided up and made available to qualified Conferences for the next HP period.

**Q**: When will we get the next new allocation?

A: The third allocation will start on October 1, 2025

**Q**: Is a Home Visit mandatory?

**A:** Yes, these funds can only be used to assist neighbors that your Conference is helping through direct person-to-person services including a Home Visit.

**Q**: Is Wildfire utility assistance request applied to the allocation?

**A:** If the request is for Wildfire, (APS, SWG, SRP) and approved by Wildfire, the requested amount does not decrease your allocation. If the request is for other utilities, or the neighbor does not qualify for Wildfire funds, HP funds can be used and will be applied to the allocation amount.

**Q**: Are there still Tiers and copays?

A: No. Copays are recommended, but not mandatory.

**Q:** Do I have to use the forms on the website?

**A:** Yes, these are the most current forms and are designed to capture the information needed for HP.

Q: Where do I find the forms for HP?

**A:** The forms and <u>Homelessness Prevention</u> Instructions can be found on the Vincentian Support webpage. <u>Svdpaz.org/Vincentian Engagement Support Services</u> > Conference Resources > Homelessness Prevention Program

**Q**: Why do we have to fill out the forms, why can't the conferences receive a dollar allocation and manage the funds?

**A:** HP funds come from various grants, each with specific requirements. HP staff is required to ensure the appropriate grant funds are used for each request and has to report the detailed data—such as households and individuals served, and funds distributed—back to the grantors. This informational reporting can also be used to assist with securing additional funding, making timely and accurate information essential.

**Q:** Why are conferences receiving emails from NAU to complete questionnaires? **A:** This is part of the Homelessness Prevention Research project. Initially survey requests were sent to the Conference Contact person, in the future the request will be sent to the Neighbor. If you receive a request to complete a questionnaire, please forward it to the neighbor to complete. During your home visit, please remind your neighbors that they may receive an invitation to participate in a survey.

Q: Can I use my HP funds for a neighbor in a non-conference area?
A: You cannot use HP funds for this, but the conference can vote to use their own funds.

**Q:** Can I use HP funds for interim housing such as motels, extended stay motels, group homes, or sober living residences?

**A:** You cannot use HP funds for interim housing, but the conference can vote to use their own funds.

**Q:** Can I twin my HP allotment to another Conference?

**A:** HP funds are allocated to support a particular Conference and their Neighbors. As such, they may not be shared, twinned, or transferred from one Conference to another. If a Conference wants to share their allocation with other Conferences, they may do so by declining their funds for a particular allocation period. Doing this allows their portion of the funding to be shared equally with all participating Conferences.