MAXIMIZING FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO FIGHT POVERTY

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Meeting

August 26, 2021
RENTAL ASSISTANCE

• Over $50 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance and housing (shelter) support.
• Amounts available and criteria can differ by state/community.
• Entitlement communities (greater than 200,000K).

• Limited Eviction Moratorium extended to October 3

Resources
➢ Eviction Moratorium Guide, including Required Declaration
➢ Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)--U.S. Treasury
➢ National Low-Income Housing Coalition Assistance Database and Additional Local Programs
# Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs

Use the search bar to find programs in your area. If you cannot find a city or county program, your state, territory, or tribal program may be able to serve you. If you cannot find any program in your area, call 2-1-1 or your local housing authority for assistance.

**SEARCH STATE, TERRITORY, TRIBE, OR LOCALITY**

Search for the city or county you reside in. If you don't see a program for your locality, you should search for your state, territory, or tribe, as applicable.

445 programs were found.

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**Courtesy of the National Low Income Housing Coalition:**

[nlhhc.org/rental-assistance](http://nlhhc.org/rental-assistance)
UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

• $4.5 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help households with utility assistance.
• $500 million for low-income households with excessive water and wastewater bills or arrearages.
• Great opportunity to leverage Vincentian Resources.

Resources
➢ Find your community LIHEAP program here
HOTELS & EXTENDED STAY

• Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) reimbursing 100% of the costs associated with “Non-Congregate” housing/sheltering solutions such as hotels, motels, dorms, etc.
• Must be pursuant to a declared public health emergency.
• Temporary, short-term response--does not substitute for permanent, long-term solution (e.g., Rapid Re-Housing).

Resources
➢ Find your State Emergency Management Agency
➢ FEMA Non-Congregate Sheltering Guidance (technical)
County Human Services enters into an agreement with the Homeless Continuum of Care Lead Agency for FHFC CRF Funding.

Under an agreement a CoC will provide rapid re-housing assistance to persons experiencing homelessness.

**WHY?**

- It will relieve some of the burden on County Human Services Staff who are working to spend down CARES Act (Homeless Prevention) Financial Assistance.
- Moving people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing will reduce the cost of running Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS).
- Most of the funding Counties are receiving from the CARES Act is being focused on Homeless Prevention. This strategy ensures vulnerable homeless households are being served.
- CoCs provide Coordinated Entry and Access Systems.
- CoCs provide Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) which will make it easier to avoid duplication of services.
- People experiencing homelessness have higher rates of pre-existing medical conditions. Moving them as quickly as possible to permanent housing will save lives.
A Continuum of Care is a collective of cross sector organizations. They include for-profit companies, non-profit organizations, governments (city/county/regional), and advocates.

There is generally one agency organizing things and leading the charge, but ALL the partners need to be engaged, informed, and committed for a community to make real change. Meaningful partnerships take time to develop and grow. It is a slow process for the staff and leadership of multiple agencies to build trust.

- How can you use this as an opportunity to start building those partnerships?
- How can you commit to be engaged going forward?
A Few of the GCP Stakeholders Council

St. Vincent dePaul

Private Attorney

Free Medical Clinic

United Way

Domestic Violence Services

Foster Care Youth Services

County Veterans Services

Chamber of Commerce

Mental Health & SA Provider

County Human Services

Jail & Sheriff’s Dept

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SVDP CARES, ST. PETERSBURG, FL

- Currently over 2,000 homeless children
  - 949 Black/761 white/345 Hispanic

- St. Vincent de Paul CARES received $5 million grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund for *No Child Left Outside* to provide housing to 1,000 children and their families

- Proven results: already moved over 1,534 households into permanent housing since beginning of pandemic

“Teaming up to give children and their families the security of home” - St. Pete Catalyst
The Famvin Homeless Alliance presents

Lessons Learned from
13 Houses Projects

Led by Natalie Monteza, Campaign Coordinator
With special thanks to Dawn Colapietro, Ana María Escaño and Sr. Winnie Mutuku
Central Florida: Ozanam Village
Central Florida: Ozanam Village II
Central Florida: Ozanam Village III
Central Florida: Blessed Rosalie Rendu
Malitbog, Philippines
Cuvier, Haiti
Kitale, Kenya
IMPACT PAYMENTS ("STIMULUS")

- Individuals receive $1,400/Married Couples $2,800 Additional $1,400 per child (with phase-outs)
- Issued through Treasury Department direct deposit.
- Mixed Status households (at least one parent and child have SSNs) *can* receive EIP.
- Addresses of shelters, places of worship, etc. *can* be used for people and families experiencing homelessness.

Resources

- Guide for people experiencing homelessness (CFPB)
- ‘Get My Payment’ to check status of payment & method
CHILD TAX CREDIT

- Expansion estimated to cut child poverty in half.
- Income threshold ($2,500) eliminated.
- Fully refundable.
- Increased to $3,000 for children 6-16; $3,600 under six.
- Option to receive “Advance Payments” for the rest of the year.

Resources
- ChildTaxCredit.gov
- Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up
- IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Finder
COVID RESPONSE RESOURCE GUIDE

Download:

ssvpusa.org/assistance-services/covid-19-response/
2019-20 HOUSING SURVEY

• Fiscal Year 2020
QUESTIONS?

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