



BOARD RESOLUTION RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM PILOT

At the Thursday, September 24, 2020, Board of Directors meeting of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis, the following recommendation was proposed and approved.

WHEREAS the Council Office hears the concerns of Vincentians regarding homelessness and the availability of affordable housing, recognizes the role to support the needs of Conferences, heeds the guidance of the Rule, and

WHEREAS the Homeless and Housing Taskforce has vetted a Rapid Rehousing Program Pilot, with modifications made to meet the needs of our Vincentians, our Neighbors, and the Society with the intention of beginning the pilot in St. Louis City and County and expanding the program to serve Vincentians and Neighbors throughout the Archdiocesan territory, and

WHEREAS rapid re-housing has proven to be a successful, critical intervention to homelessness by securing community-based, low barrier, affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal helping Neighbors become self-sustaining and keeping them housed, and

WHEREAS the Council Office will collaborate with St. Patrick Center to create a value-added partnership, and

WHEREAS this pilot utilizes the strengths and capabilities of both agencies. St. Patrick Center provides professional case management and a strong network of landlords with available rentals. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers community presence through Vincentians who identify optimal Neighbors in Need for the pilot and walk with them for the duration of their time in the program, and

WHEREAS this pilot provides accessibility through private funding from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that ensures our Neighbors' need for housing is not thwarted by governmental restrictions, and

WHEREAS this pilot is deemed to be scalable. Just as our Vincentians serve throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, it is the intention of this program to do the same over time. At the end of 12 months, the pilot will be evaluated, amended, and hopefully expanded to extend our reach. As of today, St. Patrick Center also has a presence in St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and St. Francois counties, and they are aware of our interest to expand this pilot, and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has made a recommendation to fund this pilot using Vincentian Services BDF, Strategic Initiatives BDF, and District BDF,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors hereby approves the Rapid Rehousing Program Pilot and instructs the Council Office to orchestrate a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Patrick Center for the first year in the amount of \$240,000.

RESOLVED

John P. Litz
Board Secretary

9/24/2020
Date