



Applications for Conferences in the Festus, North Central, South, Southeast, Southwest, and West Districts must be received by **January 31**.

Applications for Conferences in the Gravois, Mid Central, North, Northwest, and South Central Districts must be received by **February 28**.

PURPOSE OF THE GRANT:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis offers solidarity grants to Conferences within our Archdiocese that have financial need above their own resources. (Generally, Conference Treasuries should not exceed what the Conference expects to spend in one quarter.) Grants are aimed at supporting initiatives that align with our mission of growing in holiness through service to people in need.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

1. Homeless prevention services: rent, mortgage, home repair, utilities.
2. Support for special communities: women experiencing a crisis pregnancy and their families, victims of domestic violence, immigrant families, or children/youth.
3. Transportation needs: car repairs, gas cards, bicycles, bus passes.
4. Systemic change initiatives that address root causes of poverty.
5. Creative and innovative solutions.

Note: The grant cannot be used to purchase food or personal care items for your SVdP pantry or to purchase beds and/or donated goods from SVdP Thrift Stores. **Grant awards may vary up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per Conference.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Financial Need: Conference must demonstrate financial need above and beyond their own resources and have challenges in meeting the demand for aid within their communities.
 - Provide a clear explanation of why your Conference needs this grant.
 - Explain how the funds will supplement, not replace, existing fundraising efforts.
 - Conference must have submitted September bank statements for all accounts.
2. Reporting Compliance:
 - Conference must be current with Conference Activity Reports (CAR) and must have their September bank statements.
 - Conference must be actively using ServWare or must be willing to begin using ServWare to track Neighbor activity upon receipt of grant.
3. Conference must have a full slate of officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary).
4. Conference must agree to provide a Final Report to the Council Office after spending the grant.



CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Conference Name: _____

District: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Conference Address: _____

GRANT REQUEST DETAILS:

Amount Requested: _____

Describe the specific need or project that this Solidarity Grant will support: _____

Describe the impact this grant will have on your community: _____

Estimate how many households will be helped by this grant. _____

How will this grant enhance our mission of growing in holiness through service to people in need? _____

Have you applied for other grants to meet this need? yes no

If yes, please list possible funders and amounts. _____



FINANCIAL NEED:

Describe your Conference's financial situation. _____

Explain how this grant supplements your efforts. _____

Note: The information provided below should reflect your cumulative totals from the previous fiscal year. Please use your Conference's 4 CAR reports from the previous fiscal year to complete the table below.

Conference Assets at the end of FY24	\$
Conference total receipts excluding twinning	\$
Total twinning received	\$
Total spent to help Neighbors	\$
Total people helped	

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE:

Please list your Conference's Officers.

President: _____ Vice President: _____
 Treasurer _____ Secretary: _____

Are you up-to-date with Conference Activity Reports (CAR)? yes no

Are you currently using ServWare for your Conference's activities? yes no

If no, are you willing to begin using ServWare as a condition of this grant? (training can be provided as needed) Yes/No

Do you agree to complete the Final Report and supply supporting documentation after spending the grant? yes no

Conference President's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Conference President's Email Address: _____

Please email completed application to: programs@svdpstl.org.
All applicants will be notified 30 days after the deadline to apply.