



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS**

... HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME ...

## **Bridges Program**

The St. Louis Archdiocesan Council Bridges Program is intended to assist Conferences in helping Neighbors remove obstacles that prevent them from climbing out of poverty or fill the potholes in the road that threaten to put them into poverty.

Here are some guidelines that can help you in your decision to request Bridges funds:

- If the situation is addressed, it will help this Neighbor move out of poverty or avoid falling into poverty.
- The need is due to a temporary loss of income.
- The maximum Council Office contribution is \$5,000.
- Examples of potential need include but are not limited to:
  - a. Heating or air conditioning repairs
  - b. Well pump replacement
  - c. Car payment
  - d. Medical bills (Bridges has assisted with an outstanding medical or dental bill that has resulted in the Neighbor being unable to meet their regular household expenses.)
  - e. Tuition (Bridges has helped when a family's inability to make a tuition payment would have resulted in a child's inability to graduate. Bridges generally does not fund ongoing tuition for a student.)

To Request Council Support:

1. [Complete Council Program Form in full](#) (including matching pledge information from Conference and/or District).
2. Submit two estimates for any repair/replacement work.
3. [Submit a W9 for new vendors.](#)
4. Please indicate the appropriate mailing address for payment to the vendor.

**Please send all documentation to: [programs@svdpstl.org](mailto:programs@svdpstl.org)**