



Family Stability Matching Fund – FAQ

Link to Apply: svdpgeorgia.org/family-stability-matching-fund

1. What is the Family Stability Matching Fund?

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia's Family Stability Matching Fund offers support for Conferences providing direct aid to homeless families including shelter, housing and wrap-around support. A fund of \$250,000 is being made available for Conferences.

2. How do we define homelessness for the purposes of this Matching Fund?

Families who do not have a permanent home are considered to be homeless. That includes those who are in motels, couch-surfing, in a car, or emergency shelter.

3. Will Council pay vendors directly?

No. The Matching Fund is a cash transfer by check to Conferences for expanded aid they are able to provide to homeless families. Council will not be paying vendors directly.

4. How much funding can I request per family?

Conferences may apply for a match of direct aid that is planned to support a homeless family, up to \$500 per family.

5. What is required to show that aid is “planned?”

A CMS case must be opened with case notes, household information populated and a check request submitted to the Conference Treasurer. The check request can be open or show as “paid.”

6. Can Conferences apply for reimbursement of past aid for homeless families? No. We ask that this Family Stability Matching Fund be used for current and future casework. This Fund is an encouragement for Conferences and Council to work together to serve more homeless families, not to reimburse for past services.

7. What type of aid is eligible for matching funds?

Aid that provides emergency services and immediate relief for homeless families is eligible for matching funds. This includes motel stays, transportation-related aid, and storage unit fees. Other forms of aid may be considered, provided it serves as an immediate stabilizing resource.

8. How quickly can Conferences expect funding to be received?

Conferences can expect to have funds in their account within a week to 10 days of submitting the request. If Council identifies an issue with the request or if more information is needed, Council will reach out within 3-5 days with feedback or request for more information.