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St. Vincent de Paul CARES Supports US Veterans in Need with \$2 Million During the COVID-19 Crisis

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SVdP CARES is pleased to announce expanded financial support for veterans negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible veterans living in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk, Citrus, Lake, Sumter, Hernando, Desoto, Highlands, Hardee, Lee and Collier counties may be eligible for rent and/or utility assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must lack the resources to maintain stable housing
- Military discharge or service must be under "other than dishonorable" conditions
- An income less than 50% of the area median income (AMI). *AMI varies by county. For a full list, please visit, <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>*
- Verification of income or loss of income

At this time, the SSVF program has the ability to pay rent expenses, but not mortgage expenses. However, homeowners may be eligible for utility assistance.

For more information, veterans may call 1-844-455-SSVF (7783). An initial screening will be completed by phone, and eligible veterans will be contacted by their local SVdP CARES office. Funding is available through July 31, 2020.

St. Vincent de Paul CARES is a non-profit organization committed to ending homelessness: making it rare, brief, and one-time. All SVdP CARES programs are built on the belief that everyone has the right to live in dignified and affordable housing. With "Housing First" principles at the core, we have a healthy disregard for all community perceived barriers to housing including employment history, mental health, addiction, religious practices or criminal/credit background. SVdP CARES works to rapidly house those experiencing homelessness within 30 days and concurrently connect them to stabilization support services to assist their needs. Stable housing is the only solution to ending homelessness.

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