Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Partnership between SVdP and the City of Seattle

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The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) grant supports 40 individuals, and we presently have 20 openings. There are several eligibility criteria for neighbors to be enrolled in the program:

- Willingness to receive case management
- Live within Seattle city limits
- Household income does not exceed 50% of the applicable HUD PMSA Median Income (with income verification)
- At high or imminent risk of housing loss (either through eviction notice, court summons, or asked to leave the premises if "doubled up" i.e., couch surfing or living with roommate who is the lease holder)
 - "High and imminent risk" of housing loss or eviction means there must be reasonable grounds for program staff to conclude that housing loss will result within 30 days without successful intervention
 - An eviction notice is not required to participate, however, there must be sufficient documentation to prove the neighbor was at high risk of housing loss at time of intake
- Has not received Homelessness Prevention funds for more than six months within a 12-month period (from either SVdP or another partner agency)
 - There may be cases where we may provide a maximum of 18 months of assistance in a 36-month period when absolutely needed to maintain housing- these exceptions will be determined by Case Management with approval from the City of Seattle
 - o Case Management staff will be able to verify once the neighbor is enrolled in the program
- Employed or willing to find employment
- Monthly rent charged for the residential unit occupied by the neighbor must be no more than 120% of the Fair Market Rate (FMR) standards as defined by HUD

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| 2025 Fair Market Rents by Unit Bedrooms (HUD Seattle-Bellevue SMSA) | | | | |
| Studio | 1 Bedroom | 2 Bedroom | 3 Bedroom | 4 Bedroom |
| \$2,610 | \$2,680 | \$3,120 | \$4,110 | \$4,790 |

To make a referral to this program please follow these 3 steps:

- 1. During a home visit, use the Homelessness Vulnerability Assessment Tool" (VT) for a first screening for eligibility. Neighbors who score 21 or higher on the VT, can move to step 2.
- 2. Further screening by Conference president and the home visiting team to determine neighbors' commitment to case management
 - a. (IMPORTANT NOTE: Not just because a person needs or wants housing will they be able to maintain it; thus, we ask you to consider this as one of the primary criteria for this program. Maintaining housing is important for the success of the grant which requires a 97% success rate)
- 3. Refer neighbor's case to CMintake@svdpseattle.org for further assessment and final determination