



## Systemic Change Projects – 2017 Request for Proposals

**Project Purpose and Description:** The National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdPUSA) has been awarded a grant from an anonymous foundation to fund Systemic Change Projects. Proposals are being solicited from SVdP Conferences and Councils. A total of \$198,000 is available with an individual maximum grant award of \$5,000. Any SVdPUSA Council or Conference may apply that meets the outlined proposal guidelines.

**Systemic Change Projects** are projects that aim to achieve a transformation in the lives of those living in poverty—(particularly those from generational poverty), or in the community. **Projects being submitted must contain these elements:** A long-term strategy including: mentoring individuals or families, connecting them to educational programs that build personal resources and skills, collaborating with other organizations with similar aims, and advocating to change unjust systems. The goal is to move people out of poverty by empowering them to make life changes and improve their lives, and by working with community partners to address the root causes of their poverty. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed to walk with individuals on their journey out of poverty. Examples of appropriate projects, but NOT limited to these are: Bridges Out of Poverty-Getting Ahead, Communication Across Barriers, prison re-entry, holistic skill building programs with mentor follow-up, alternatives to predatory lending, or long term employment programs.

**Proposal Guidelines:** This Request for Proposal represents the requirements for an open and competitive process. Proposals will be accepted until **4 p.m. Central Time Zone, September 30, 2017**. Any proposals received after this date and time will be returned to the sender. All proposals must be signed by the Executive Director, CEO or highest Council President if there is not an Executive Director. No currently funded projects will be considered.

**Councils must be Instituted, Conferences must be Aggregated and be in compliance with the IRS 501 (c) (3) requirements. The latest Annual Report must accompany the submission.**

**SUBMISSION OUTLINE:** It is IMPORTANT to follow this outline. Proposals not following this outline will NOT be accepted.

**Name of the Project**

**Contact Person (Name)**      **Contact Person Email address**      **Contact Person Phone Number**

**Conference/Council Name**      **Conference/Council Address**      **Conference/Council City/State**

**Solidarity is Paid (yes or no)**      **501 c 3 is in good standing (Yes or No)**

**Project Approval:** **(CEO/ Executive Director/ Highest Conference President (only one required)**

**Project Description:** A brief project description, describe why the Conference/Council wants to implement the project, a detailed description of how the funds will be used, why is there a NEED for the project, how many individuals will benefit from the grant, a proposed schedule/timeline for the project, and a detailed line item budget for the proposed project (how you will use the grant money and if there are other expenses for the project, how those costs are being covered).

**Reports Required:** Program Impact/Progress reports will be required at six-months and 12 months (final). Success/Impact stories will be **REQUIRED** with each submission. Prefer email submissions.

**Requirements for Submission:** Proposals are to be typed single spaced, 12-point font in a standard style. The proposal is limited to ONE typed page. In addition, the most current SVdP Annual Report must be included.

**Evaluation:** The Vincentian review committee will review and evaluate the proposals. Each proposal will be evaluated based on its individual merits and needs.

**For more information and/or to submit the proposal:** Steve Martinez, MA, Chief Development Officer, National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 58 Progress Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3706; 314-576-3993-ext. 213 or [smartinez@svdpusa.org](mailto:smartinez@svdpusa.org)

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