

**The Friends of the Poor® Grant Program  
Mideast and Midwest Regional Cycle has been moved up**

**We are already seeing what the Coronavirus pandemic will mean to our critical work and have made the decision to move up our last regional grant submission cycle to April instead of May to assist Conferences and Councils with the upcoming surge in need.**

**Submission Cycle Opens April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline April 30th!  
APPLY TODAY!**

**Grants up to \$5,000 are available!  
(Conferences and District Councils are eligible to apply)**

**Grants are targeted to specific, current needs of the poor, above and beyond available resources. Preferred interest areas are: rental/housing assistance, utility assistance, food, clothing, transportation, baby/children needs, and medical.**

Applying is simple. Download the application from the National Council Development Toolbox FOP Grant tab at: <http://www.svdpusa.com/developertools/FOP-Grant>.

Grant Award Requirements:

- A Conference must be Aggregated and the District Council must be Instituted.
- If you have received a grant within the last 3 years, you are not eligible to apply.
- Grant funds are expected to be exhausted within 6 months.
- A Grant report is due within 6 months outlining in detail how the funds were used.

**Please note: Your Friends of the Poor® Grant Application will not be considered unless all the application requirements are completed using the most recent version of the application, which is August 13, 2019, and emailed to the National Council by the due date.**

Email completed applications to Gerri Sample at [gsample@svdpusa.org](mailto:gsample@svdpusa.org).

The National Development Department coordinates the Friends of the Poor® Grant Program. The total annual funding varies and is based on funds raised. Grant applications are awarded by an independent peer review committee.

**Please note: The District/Diocesan Council President's signature is not required on the application form, an email to Gerri Sample at [gsample@svdpusa.org](mailto:gsample@svdpusa.org) acknowledging they approve of the application is acceptable.**

**Please note: The application has been made more user friendly to allow information to be typed directly into the application form and emailed to the National Council. Please contact Gerri Sample at [gsample@svdpusa.org](mailto:gsample@svdpusa.org) if you have any questions or need any help.**

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