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SVdP Partners with City of Austin on their RENT Assistance Program

Austin, Texas (March 17, 2021) - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is partnering with the City of Austin and the Housing Authority to assist Austin residents impacted by COVID-19, apply for rental assistance through the [Relief for Emergency Needs of Tenants \(RENT\) Program](#). The Society is a recipient of the RENT Community Outreach Grant to provide emergency outreach for COVID-19 impacted households who are in need of rental assistance. Our computer lab at our Client Services Center at 901 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78758, is available for applicants to use Tuesday – Friday from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We will assist clients with the application and uploading the required documents. The computer lab is open on Monday by appointment only. Applicants can schedule an appointment by emailing info@ssvdp.org.

The City of Austin launched an updated RENT Assistance Program on Monday, March 15, 2021, after receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury. According to a press release from the City, the RENT program will provide direct rent support for income-eligible Austin renters who are financially impacted by COVID-19. Every Friday, eligible applicants will be randomly selected. If qualified, payment will be made directly to renter's landlord.

Applicants, staff, and volunteers are required to wear a face mask while using the computer lab. We take every precaution to keep everyone safe. Computers and the space will be sanitized after each use.

For more information, contact Kanobia Russell-Blackmon, Director of Development and Marketing at kanobia@ssvdp.org.

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