

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Detroit**  
**2021 MEAP Grant**



Grant Award: \$4,356,000

Service Area: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Genesee, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Leelanau, Macomb, Oakland, Roscommon, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne. (May vary depending on participation of agencies in counties)

Anticipated Reach: 5,600 Households

Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Detroit (SVdP) provides energy assistance to low-income households primarily through enrollment in a home energy provider affordable payment plan or in conjunction with other self-sufficiency services. SVdP is unique in that volunteers visit those in need in their home to identify the challenges they face.

#### Program Details

- Customer will be assisted in completing the MDHHS SER application in addition to developing a Self-Sufficiency Plan with a SVdP volunteer or agency case worker either virtually, in the home or at the church or agency location, as conditions permit.
- Enrollment in DTE Energy's affordable payment plan known as LSP is offered.
- Enrollment in Consumers Energy's affordable payment plan known as CARE is offered.
- Enrollment in SEMCO Energy's affordable payment plan known as MAP is offered.
- Funding assistance up to \$2,000 per household. Assistance may be received more than once up to the payment cap.
- Care Coordinators available to provide short- and long-term case management services.
- Self-sufficiency services provided in one or more of the following areas: needs assessment and referrals, budgeting, energy efficiency education/counseling, job coaching, employment readiness, computer training or general life skills. Services offered at each location will vary.
- EcoWorks EnergySmart workshops available to a limited number of households.
- Energy kits available to the most vulnerable in need.

#### Additional Services Offered

- Assistance with food, clothing, furniture, transportation, rent/lodging, water bills, medical bills, tax preparation, recently released prisoners, and other programs that meet the essential needs of the underserved. Type of assistance available varies from location to location.
- Referral to agencies that provide additional wraparound services such as dental and child care.

#### Partner Agency

- Network of over 120 SVdP Conferences and service agencies
- EcoWorks
- Energy Earth

#### Locations and Contact Information

Telephone: Toll Free Line – 1-877-STVINCE (1-877-788-4623), Help Line – 313-393-2930

Website: <http://svdpdet.org/> or <http://helpwithmybill.com> to apply