

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Detroit**  
**2023 MEAP Grant**



**Grant Award:** \$4,663,000  
**Service Area:** State of Michigan  
**Anticipated Reach:** 5,623

Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Detroit (SVdP) provides energy assistance to low-income households and works with them to help them to develop plans to achieve an energy secure future.

### **Program Details**

- We help low-income households complete the MDHHS SER application. Applicants first complete a MEAP Energy Security Plan and set energy security goals for their households.
- Care Coordinators are available to assist in goal planning and removing obstacles to energy security goals. Services include needs assessment and referrals, scheduling home energy audits, budgeting, energy efficiency education/counseling, job coaching, employment readiness, or general life skills.
- In-person Budgeting and Energy Education Workshops available to households in the SE Michigan area.
- Home energy kits are available to households on a first come, first-serve basis, while supplies last.
- Financial assistance provided:
  - 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.
  - Enrollment in UPPCo's affordable payment plan known as EASE is offered
  - State Emergency Relief copayment assistance.
  - Past due utility payment assistance.
  - Payment of deliverable fuel costs.

### **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 will vary from location to location.

### **Partner Agencies**

- Over 120 parishes that partner with the Archdiocese of Detroit – St. Vincent de Paul network
- Catholic Community Center
- South County Community Services
- We Care, Inc.
- People Helping People of Pullman
- North Kent Connect, Kent County
- Catholic Charities of Flint
- St. Francis Prayer Center, Flint
- EcoWorks
- Energy Earth

### **Locations and Contact Information**

Telephone: Energy Assistance Help Line - 313-393-2855      Website: <http://helpwithmybill.com> to apply.