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**COVID-19 RISE Funding from the City of Austin**

**Austin, Texas (May 28, 2020)** - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin is a recipient of the City of Austin's Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Funding to provide immediate services to Austin/Travis County residents impacted by COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, the need for financial assistance is great due to loss of income. The funding will be used to provide one-time financial assistance for rent, mortgages, utility, car payments, and some medical expenses.

The Society will start qualifying individuals for financial assistance on June 1, 2020. The special phone numbers based on the first letter of the last name will be published on June 1, 2020 on our website at [www.ssvdp.org](http://www.ssvdp.org) and on our social media platforms. There are eligibility criteria and required documents for this assistance, which are detailed on our website at [www.ssvdp.org](http://www.ssvdp.org). All services will be provided remotely.

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