

St. Vincent de Paul Affordable Housing Upgrades

Objective: The project objective is to renovate 5 cottages to meet basic living standards and improve the quality of life for residents. SVdP works to maintain our affordable housing properties in a way that respects and promotes the dignity of our residents and assures these homes will serve our community for years to come.

City of Bend Consolidated Plan Goal #4: Assist Homeless with Shelter and Services: The proposed project provides essential needs and support services to community members, including special populations, experiencing homelessness in Deschutes County.



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Public Service Program Application

Our Clients

SVdP strives to improve the quality of life for those living with low incomes and helps them to reach their full potential.



“I’m back!”

- Meet Jeremy. When moving into the cottage Jeremy shared that he couldn't believe he was back. When I asked what he meant, he explained to me that in the year before coming to the village, he thought he would die a homeless man. I still see him monthly as part of his aftercare. He is smiling every time I see him, happy to have a job, happy to have a home to go to after a long day of work.



Condition of Cottages Before

In 2007, SVdP converted 13 fishing/hunting cabins on our property into safe, clean, and affordable homes that rent for approximately \$1,100-\$1,300 per month, with all utilities included.



Condition of Cottages Now

These cottages are home to 14 people currently in our permanent housing program. Eligibility is determined by an income verification process with an income cap of \$25,000 per year. The Affordable Housing Program is a low-threshold entry program accepting residents who typically are turned away by other rental property guidelines. Criminal history and negative rental history do not disqualify potential residents of the cottages.

Unfortunately, after more than fifteen years of use, these cottages are in need of upgrade in kitchens and bathrooms, as well as accessibility features such as wheelchair ramps, handrails, and shower hardware. Any funds awarded will be utilized to pay for these renovations.



Project Impact on Community of Need

Short Term

The Affordable Housing program will positively impact physical and mental health, reducing stress and exposure to unhealthy living conditions, which, in turn, can reduce healthcare costs.

Long Term

By addressing the fundamental need for shelter, affordable housing lays the groundwork for stronger, healthier, and more inclusive communities while alleviating burdens on existing services.

