



Program Name: Safe Haven Legacy Housing Program

Objective: Provide A Comprehensive and Permanent Housing Solution For Survivors Of Domestic Violence By Offering Rental Assistance, Security Deposit, First And Last Month's Rent, and Utility Assistance.

Program Design:

1. Eligibility:

- The program is designed for survivors of domestic violence.
- Applicants will be required to provide some form of verification, which could be a referral from a recognized domestic violence support organization, police reports, or a court order.
- An evaluation of the applicant's financial situation will be conducted to ensure that assistance is being provided to those in greatest need.

2. Services Provided:

- Services below are only provided for a maximum of 2 months no more than \$8,000 total per household.
- Rental Assistance: The program will directly pay the landlord or property owner the monthly rent on behalf of the survivor.
- Security Deposit & First and Last Month's Rent: The program will cover these initial costs, relieving the survivor from the substantial upfront financial burden often required to secure a rental property.
- Utility Assistance: The program will directly pay the service providers for utilities such as electricity, water, gas, and internet on behalf of the survivor.
- Trash Removal: The program will cover the cost of regular trash removal services for the property.

3. Application Process:

- Survivors can apply through an online application form on the program's website. The application form will require personal information, rental details, and a section to upload supporting documents.
- Applications can also be submitted by in person at a local office.
- Once an application is received, it will be reviewed by a dedicated team of case managers, who will assess the applicant's need and eligibility. The case manager will then get in touch with the applicant to discuss the next steps.



#### 4. Program Funding:

- The program will be funded through the Greater Pike Community Foundation Safe Haven Legacy Fund.

#### 5. Program Oversight and Management:

- Day-to-day operations will be managed by the Executive Director of Pike County Human Services, with the support of the Pike County administrative staff.
- The Executive Director of Greater Pike Community Foundation will have the ability to monitor all case files to ensure all program and grant rules are followed.

#### 6. Support and Follow-up:

- Links will be provided to other services as required, such as counselling and legal assistance, job training and placement services, and childcare support.

#### 7. Reporting:

- Pike County Human Services will provide quarterly reports to the Greater Pike Community Foundation. These reporting will contain the following information: Current balance, Amount spent on each service provided, about a households assisted, how many adults, and children. These reports will continue until all funding has been spent.

With the Safe Haven Legacy Housing Program, survivors of domestic violence will have the essential support they need to transition into a safe and stable living environment. It provides not just a house, but a steppingstone towards a new and secure life.