

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul GTCC

Pass-ups and Sharing
Conference and
Particular Council Funds

Generous Donors all through the Pandemic

Serving those in need in their homes and in ours

It is evident that we are blessed with generous donors who have continued their donations even with our churches in lockdowns. Those donors have a right to expect our **scrupulous stewardship**, but they also understand that, like families and businesses, we have ongoing expenses.

Unlike organizations such as Girl Guides or Knights of Columbus, we don't ask members or Conferences or Councils to pay "dues" but rather, to address those expenses, each level of the Society looks to those at the level below or the level up

As the Rule indicates, all surpluses beyond a reasonable reserve ***shall be*** shared with the next higher council; we know these as "pass ups".

Paying your way

2021/22 Operating Budget: 8 million dollars

Projected Deficit: \$190,379

Expenses include \$325,000 allocated to support Conferences and Particular Councils

Costs incurred on your behalf:

- 240 Church Street head office facility and office equipment
- Head office personnel employed to provide support to the membership
- Member Services: membership files, administrative files, training and development, technology, financial and outreach support including unpaid stores bills, support to Conferences and Councils, audit services, special meetings and events, communications, policy development, call referrals and support
- Insurance for members, directors and officers
- A small contribution to the portion of incurred expenses for the Stores Division and Camp Ozanam and Marygrove Camp, impacted by COVID operating restrictions. The other Special Works are for the most part, self funding with the exception of some capital items.

Pass-ups to Regional and National Councils

Totally separate from the outlined annual operating costs, National and Regional Councils are again requesting \$530 in pass ups per Conference and Particular Council.

With 114 Conferences and 11 Particular Councils together with \$530 from the GTCC, that comes to **an additional \$66,780**.

That money is outside our operating budget and there is no information indicating what costs those monies are intended to cover.

Greater Toronto Central Council First

The Conferences and Particular Councils of the Greater Toronto Central Council have an obligation first and foremost to support their Central Council and costs incurred on their behalf.

We employ 240 staff members, and care for 270 of society's most vulnerable persons, providing emergency, supportive and life long care to those who live in our homes and who are served in our programs. We provide support to 1,400 members who manage 25,000 Home Visits a year.

The following slides contain a recommended budget for the Particular Councils and separates the assessed pass-ups, over the course of the fiscal year.

Keep in Mind ...

- Within a Particular Council, Conferences are expected to share their surpluses with each other. Generally there is at least one, and usually more than one Conference that have enough income to share with those who do not have enough funds. The first rule of thumb, is to share and help each other. We all must be good stewards of the funds we receive.
- Not every Conference and Particular Council are in a position to send up surplus funds.
- Sometimes a Particular Council simply does not have enough funds and must rely on other Particular Councils who are in a better position to share their extra.

Source Documents:

Guiding Principle 5 – Sharing

Since a fundamental principle of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is that funds are moved within the Society to where they are most needed, conferences send excess funds up, normally keeping a balance in their account of no more than three to six months reserve (i.e. the average amount that they would spend in three months).

Policy #22:

Management of Finances and Resources for Particular Councils and Conferences
Date of Approval: March 2019 on TCC website

The Rule: April 2020 edition

CRA website: Rules governing charities and not for profits

Thank you

Any Questions?