

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Secure Housing for Women+, Children, and Female Seniors in Need

Mission

St. Mary's Charitable Assistance Program provides essential support for local households through comprehensive charitable assistance. The program is available to anyone in the community experiencing hardship, regardless of religious affiliation, with a commitment to supporting overall community well-being. No funds are used for religious purposes.

Community Need

In 2025, St. Mary's supported 399 local households, with the majority being women, primarily single mothers with children, female seniors with disabilities, and women heading their households. Gender-based economic disparities place women at disproportionate risk of financial instability, particularly in a high-cost community like Park City.

This past year, these pressures intensified. An unusually dry winter reduced seasonal employment in construction, hospitality, and service industries. Immigration-related crises increased, with many women navigating complex legal barriers while caring for children. A growing number of women with serious health conditions, including uninsured cancer diagnoses, required urgent support. Demand for assistance among domestic violence survivors, often arriving in crisis with children, remained significant and urgent.

Project Overview

Rooted in a Housing First approach, St. Mary's will use this grant to provide direct financial housing assistance to 90-180 local households in Summit and Wasatch Counties, prioritizing women+, children, and female seniors with disabilities or serious health conditions.

Assistance is typically \$500 to \$1,000 per household and addresses rent, security deposits, and other housing-related costs to prevent eviction and maintain stability. All \$90,000 in grant funds would flow directly to households as financial assistance, with zero funds used for overhead or religious purposes.

The program is supported by Director of Charity Maria Villar, a native Spanish speaker and Community Foundation Community Belonging Cohort participant, and includes case management, crisis intervention, legal referrals, and collaboration with community partners including Summit County Clubhouse and Holy Cross Ministries.

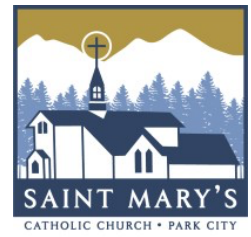
Impact

Primary success is measured by reductions in evictions in Summit and Wasatch Counties. Ongoing outcomes tracked include: number of households served; timeliness of emergency support; legal referral outcomes; housing stability for vulnerable populations; and effectiveness of community-based partnerships. St. Mary's continuously refines its programs based on collected data to ensure responsiveness to emerging community needs.

Budget

Total grant request: \$90,000 disbursed in Year 1.

Program Budget (FY 2026-2027)	Amount
Housing Assistance: July to Sept 2026	\$22,500
Housing Assistance: Oct to Dec 2026	\$22,500
Housing Assistance: Jan to March 2027	\$22,500



Housing Assistance: April to June 2027	\$22,500
Overhead	\$0
Total Grant Request	\$90,000
Estimated Families Served	90-180 households