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**ORGANIZATION’S NAME:** St. Vincent de Paul Village dba Father Joe’s Villages

**PROJECT NAME:** *Family Empowerment Program (FEP*)

**ORGANIZATION’S WEBSITE**: [www.my.neighbor.org](http://www.my.neighbor.org)

**PROJECT BUDGET:** $365,062

**AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM RSFWF**: $50,000

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**: The Family Empowerment Program (FEP) is a sober-living transitional housing program located within the Family Living Center in FJV’s Joan Croc Center and is dedicated to helping families find gainful employment and transition to permanent housing.

**NEED/SOLUTION**: The Regional Task Force on Homelessness’ 2023 Point in Time Count found a total of 684 households with children experiencing homelessness, which constitutes 21% of people counted during the annual homelessness census. The FEP, with consistent coaching and self-empowerment, increases opportunities for children and families to thrive in a sober, employment-focused environment, better-preparing families for financial and housing stability.

**IMPACT**: The $50,000 RSFWF grant would be used to provide shelter, childcare, case management services, and vocational support for 9 clients over a 12-month period. The FEP is a new program that began in November 2022, and our grant would allow FJV to add more participants to the program.

**SITE VISIT DETAILS**

**RSFWF Site Visit Leader:** Sabrina Applegate

**Date/Time:** Thursday, March 8th at 10 AM