

## VKCCI Grant Summary 2017-2018

### VKCCI Grants processed July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

18-001 – A \$2,980 grant to assist an elderly Past Grand Knight who lives alone and recently suffered a heart attack and removal of part of his colon. His Brother Knights used the grant to make his home livable, as it had fallen into disrepair, and was rendered unsafe.

18-002 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a single mother with two children. She had fallen behind on medical bills for her children and the collection agency put a lien on her bank accounts, making it impossible for her to pay her rent and other bills. The grant paid off the medical bills and part of her rent, to get her back on her feet.

18-003 – A \$2,385 grant to assist a middle-aged couple from being evicted from their rented home. They had both lost their jobs and tried to make a go of it in a private business. The business failed, and they also had to take in his parents who were afflicted with Alzheimer's. All these events caused them to fall behind in their rent. The grant paid the delinquent rent, giving the couple a fresh start.

18-004 – A \$2,215 grant to assist a young family who had fallen into a number of difficult circumstances, including uncovered Emergency Room charges following a miscarriage, loss of the wife's job, and the loss and replacement of their only car. These expenses forced them to fall behind in their rent and utilities. The grant assisted with the rent and utilities.

18-005 – A \$621.23 grant to assist a blind Brother Knight who relies on a seeing-eye dog, with veterinarian and laboratory bills, and upon the death of the dog, with cremation and other final expenses.

18-006 – A \$3,000 grant to assist an elderly widow who lives alone replace an HVAC system which had failed. Having no credit, the woman accepted the financing offered by the HVAC's predatory financing partner, at the exorbitant interest rate of 28.9%, which, in turn, made it impossible for her to pay her other bills. The grant paid off the balance of the HVAC bill.

18-007 – A \$2,570.05 grant to assist a couple who had run into a series of tough times and events, including unemployment, uncovered, medical bills, neglected home maintenance, and depleting their 401(K) accounts to make ends meet. The grant paid overdue electric and propane bills, allowing these services to be restarted.

18-008 – A \$2,800 grant to assist a single mother of four, who had left her abusive husband on the advice of county domestic abuse counselors. She works two jobs but the transition to a new residence is costly. The grant provided for two month's rent to get her started in a safe environment.

18-009 – A \$1,800 grant to assist the mother of two children after the her boyfriend and father of her children left her and stopped providing support of his children. The grant provided rent payments until the court orders the father to resume support payments.

18-010 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a widow on Social Security pay bills resulting from her loss of supplemental income earned as a part-time beautician. She had fallen and had shattered a hip, making it impossible for her to work. The grant paid some medical bills and credit card bills incurred while she recovers from her fall.

18-011 – A \$2,304 grant to assist a pair of elderly ladies pay their mortgage. The grant was **DISAPPROVED** as VKCCI had already provided a grant to one of the ladies for mortgage payments just a few months ago.

18-012 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a PGK with mortgage payments to avoid foreclosure and the loss of his home. His wife developed a debilitating medical condition which forced her to quit work for six months. The loss of her income caused them to fall behind on their mortgage payments. It has been determined that she will not be able to return to work, forcing the Brother Knight to take on a second job to make ends meet. The grant paid the mortgage arrearage and gave the Brother Knight a chance to recover.

18-013K – A \$3,000 grant to assist an individual with intellectual disabilities living in a group home. The individual was wheelchair-bound and the home did not have wheelchair ramps. The grant provided funding for the purchase of the required materials. The sponsoring council would provide the labor and technical expertise. This grant was funded through a KOVAR grant.

18-014 – A \$3,000 grant to assist the widow of a Brother Knight pay rent and utilities until she starts to receive her husband's survivor benefits.

18-015 – A \$2,867 grant to assist a Brother Knight who encountered a number of unexpected medical expenses for his wife.

18-016 – A \$2,500 grant to assist a single mother living paycheck to paycheck and lost child support payments pay her mortgage and utility payments. She had unexpected car repairs and could not pay her mortgage and utilities.

18-017 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight with medical bills resulting from unexpected medical complications and hospitalization after his wife's delivery by caesarian section of his son.

18-018 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight with his mortgage, utilities, and medications following surgery to remove a tumor from his spine. His rehabilitation has been slow, and has caused a delay in his ability to return to work. His wife is pregnant and they also have a three year old.

18-019 – A \$2,271 grant to assist a single father and his teenage son keep a roof over his son, while the father is in rehab center following a stroke. The father has not been able to return to work and the grant would pay for three month's rent and utilities.

18-020 – A \$1,100 grant to assist a Brother Knight whose daughter was born with spina bifida and is confined to a wheel chair. The grant would pay for the necessary materials to build a wheelchair ramp. The council is providing the labor and expertise.

18-021 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a single mother whose teenage son was involved in a tragic one-car accident, breaking his neck and damaging the spinal cord. The son remains paralyzed from the neck down and requires a wheelchair. Plans to remodel the house to accommodate the wheelchair and a first floor bedroom are proposed to be funded by a long-term Go-Fund-Me account. The immediate need for materials to build wheelchair ramps is being covered by the grant. The council will provide the labor and expertise.

18-022K – A \$3,000 grant to assist a young family whose youngest child was born with Down's Syndrome and a number of physical abnormalities. Doctors recommended an abortion, but the family chose life. Required surgery to repair the esophagus took place at Children's Hospital in Boston, after two surgeries at UVA failed. The family had to relocate to Boston for the surgery and recovery. The grant would pay for the mortgage and utilities for their Virginia home while they were in Boston. The family had no financial means to maintain two homes during this period of bi-location. The grant was funded through a KOVAR grant.

18-023 – A \$2,240 grant to assist a disabled single middle-aged woman with a severe medical condition that makes her bones extremely vulnerable to breakage. For her safety, surgeons recommended removal of carpeting in her residence and replacing it with a smooth flooring option. This would prevent her from tripping on the carpet. The council identified a laminate floor option as the most cost effective.

The council will rip out the carpeting and provide the labor and expertise to install the laminate flooring. The grant would pay for the materials.

18-024 – A \$1,972 grant to assist a Brother Knight who suffered two heart attacks last year and is now unable to work. He also lost his wife in December. Funeral expenses left him without money to pay his mortgage. The grant provided funding for two month's mortgage in arrears and avoided foreclosure.

18-025 – A \$2,167.82 grant to assist a Brother Knight who was unemployed for six months. He is now working but his truck (which he needs for work) broke down and had to be repaired so he could continue working. The truck repair caused him to fall behind on his bills, including his mortgage. The grant would provide funds for two month's mortgage and utilities.

18-026 – A \$2,721.50 grant to assist a Brother Knight who was severely injured in a propane tank explosion and was unable to work for several months. His wife does not work, as she has to take care of their nine children. He is now back to work, but has to rebuild his client pipeline. He fell behind in his monthly bills and his home was in foreclosure review. The grant paid for two month's mortgage and some utility bills.

18-027 – A \$2,495.53 grant to assist a family of three get through a catastrophic year of medical bills and loss of income. The mother had a cancerous tumor removed, which left her blind in one eye. The father, a fireman, was injured fighting a wild fire when a tree fell on him, forcing him to go on disability for a period of time. Both are now working part-time, trying their best to make ends meet. The grant paid outstanding medical bills and a delinquent car payment.

18-028 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a widow who is on oxygen, unable to work, and is on Social Security. This is her only income. After her husband died, she moved in with her son, but the arrangement did not work out, and she moved into a senior apartment. She was then hospitalized. While in the hospital her social security "checks" were rejected by her old bank since she had closed the account when she moved. In the meantime, bills that were to be automatically paid out of her new bank account, bounced, since her social security "checks" were not being deposited. The grant paid three months back rent, the security deposit, and late fees.

18-029 – A \$290 grant to assist a blind Brother Knight pay for his heat pump repair. The grant was **DISAPPROVED**, as the Brother Knight had already received a grant in the previous 365 days. He was ineligible for a second grant within a year.

18-030 – A \$3000 grant to assist a family of four recover from a traffic injury to the father, the only wage earner in the family. He was a flag man at a bridge construction site and was severely injured by a distracted driver. The grant helped pay rent and other monthly bills.

18-031 – A \$410 grant to assist a legal refugee find county housing. The single man has numerous medical and psychological conditions and allowed his work permit to lapse. He needs a valid work permit to be able to apply for county housing. The grant will pay the various re-application and registration fees to reinstate his work permit, thus allowing him to apply for county housing and get him out of shelters.

18-032 – A \$1,600 grant to assist a single father of a ten year old daughter and prevent them from being evicted from their rental home. The father's hours were cut from fulltime to part-time, making it impossible to keep up with his monthly bills. He found a fulltime job and is awaiting his first paychecks. During his underemployment, he fell behind on his bills, including his rent. The landlord has started eviction procedures. The grant will pay two months back rent and late fees.

18-033 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a widow repair the foundation of her home and prevent condemnation of her home by the city because of code violations.

18-034 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a Brother Knight get through his monthly bills, following his injuries as a landscaper and tree trimmer. He fell out of a tree and broke his hip and other bones. The grant paid his monthly bills until he could get back to work.

18-035 – A \$2,550 grant to assist the widow of a Brother Knight repair the leaking roof of her house before ceiling and wall damage could occur.

18-036 – A \$3,000 grant to assist the mother of a deceased Brother Knight pay for her mortgage arrearages and prevent foreclosure and eviction.

18-037 – A \$1,275 grant to assist a disabled retired priest and Brother Knight procure a heavy duty walker required for his extensive rehab after a stroke and heart attack. He is a former council chaplain and assembly friar.

18-038 – A \$1,000 grant to assist a single mother of four children move into a more suitable apartment. The grant would pay the security deposit and utility connection charges and provide her family with a new lease on life.

18-039 – A \$1,700 grant to assist a disabled widow who has undergone a series of tragic events in her life experience. The grant would pay a long delinquent electric bill and provide her with a fresh beginning.

18-040 – A \$1,240 grant to assist a young man with spina bifida and a heart defect. The grant would provide funding for materials for a wheel chair ramp. The Council would provide the labor and expertise to build the ramp.

18-041 – A \$2,420 grant to assist a Brother Knight who lost his job. The grant would help with rent and utilities payments until he starts receiving paychecks from his new job.

18-042 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a single mother struggling to keep a roof over her head and her two children following a separation and divorce settlement. The grant would provide rent and utilities for two months while her financial situation stabilizes.

18-043 – A \$2,300 grant to assist an elderly woman with two sons serving in the U.S. military abroad. She underwent breast cancer surgery and was unable to work during her recovery. She fell behind on her rent, utilities, etc. The grant would pay for her overdue rent and other bills.

18-044 – A \$1,500 grant to assist a Brother Knight who fell on hard times due to a number of medical issues. The grant would cover two months of room rent as well as some food and prescription expenses.

18-045 – A \$1,900 grant to assist a single mother with a 7-year old son. The mother is disabled, in a wheelchair, and is fighting for custody of her son. The grant would pay for a large overdue electric bill to prevent cut-off of service. It would also pay for two months' of subsidized rent.

18-046 – A \$679.34 grant to help a family whose primary wage earner – the father – was injured in a car accident. The grant would pay for overdue electric bills and a car insurance payment.

18-047 – A \$3,000 grant to assist a single middle-age woman, working minimum wage as a live-in health care provider. Upon the death of her client, she was provided with "storage" house for her use. The council will provide the labor to make the "house" inhabitable. The grant would provide the building materials.

18-048 – A \$3,000 grant to assist an elderly couple pay for the husband's medical bills, following a fall that resulted in a broken leg and subsequent infection. Rehab co-pays are also part of the grant. Medical bills exceed the amount of the grant, but the council is conducting fundraisers to make up the difference.

18-049 – A \$1,000 grant to assist a Past Grand Knight whose house suffered catastrophic water damage due to a broken water pipes in the attic. The grant would pay the remainder of the insurance deductible so the insurance company could arrange for the repair of the damage.

18-050 – A \$2,900 grant to assist a Past Grand Knight who suffered multiple fractures and subsequent reconstruction of his foot. The grant would pay for overdue rent to avoid eviction and overdue medical deductible. These bills became overdue occurred because he was unable to work. i

18-051 – A \$2,116 grant to assist a family of four whose principal wage earner (the mother) lost her job following a short maternity leave and then had to have emergency surgery which required an additional eight weeks off from work. The father is blind in one eye and is disabled. Without income, the family fell behind on their mortgage and faced eviction. They are also behind on some utility bills. The grant would prevent eviction and utility cut off. The mother is back to work, and the family should be able to make it.