

Our Mission....

Small Sums’ purpose is to help homeless individuals, who have found jobs, with the specific things that they need to start back to work. We believe gainful employment is a key factor in helping homeless individuals get out of their homeless situations.

With our practical and timely assistance, that few other agencies provide, we remove obstacles that often prevent homeless workers from being able to get back to work and back to a more stable life.

“This assistance will change my family’s life, as well as mine because it lets me start my job with the things I need and some confidence to do well, so I’m so thankful. Thank you very much.”
- Parnell J.

Who We Help

Small Sums serves adults (and indirectly their families) who are experiencing homelessness. They live in shelters, on the streets, in cars, or temporarily with friends, family or in other housing that is unstable, often bouncing from place to place, while trying to find a way to get into a place of their own.

- 96% of Small Sums clients have verified jobs
- 4% are ready for professional testing or license renewals
- 48% of Small Sums clients are 30-50 years old
- 46% have dependent children
- 59% are men and 40% are women
- 77% are African-American or mixed race; 17% are white; 6% other
- 46% need work clothes/uniforms, work shoes, and bus passes
- 4% require assistance for professional testing or license fees
- 15% need trade tools



How We Help....

Partnering with referring organizations that serve the poor and homeless, we provide these simple things, (the majority at less than \$200 per worker), often within 24-72 hours from their application. Once employment is verified, we move quickly to get them the things they need, so they are able to accept the job and start working within days of the job offer - one of the most important steps to getting out of their homeless situation.

Costs of Common Items* needed by our homeless clients:

- \$25 Construction toolbelt
- \$42.50 One-month rush hour bus pass
- \$110 Set of work clothes, shoes, and bus pass
- \$139 Certified Nursing Assistant Test and License fee
- \$144 Basic set of barber tools
- \$425 Basic construction tools

**Many provided items are purchased at discounted or wholesale prices thanks to generous and kind merchants.*

Our clients want to work and our program is committed to supporting their resiliency and efforts. It’s a surprisingly simple solution that’s practical and economical.



Our Programs....

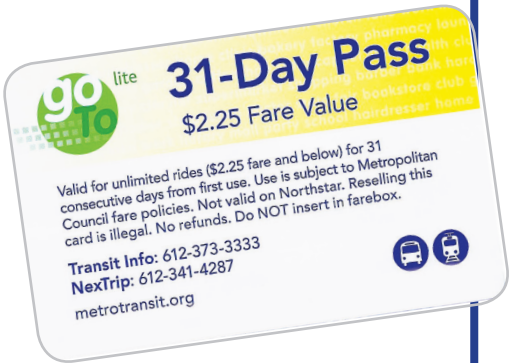
Dressed & Ready

Clients are relieved, happy, and proud to show up on the first day of work outfitted in workwear that's appropriate and required for their new jobs. Uniforms, scrubs, sturdy black work pants, steel-toe boots and no-skid work shoes are the most commonly required work clothes needed.



On The Bus

Monthly bus passes provide a reliable way to get to work and allows clients unlimited rides to take care of other important matters for the first few months of employment.



Professional Trade Testing and Licenses

Professional testing fees and licenses and license renewals can often cost several hundred dollars and may be prohibitive for a homeless individual. We cover the test and license fees so that clients can work in the higher-paying fields they have been trained in.

Tools for the Job

Trade tools for construction workers, welders, barbers, beauticians, chefs are often mandatory in these professions; without them skilled homeless workers cannot get back into higher paying jobs.



POSITIVE RESULTS

from Annual Client Follow Up

60% of Small Sums clients* are in stable housing (no longer homeless) AND still employed after receiving Small Sums' help.

*From forty percent surveyed

.... changing lives
by helping homeless
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