

Emergency Loan Guide

Information concerning the Mini Loan Program (MLP can be found here: <http://parishplus.com/> or on the SVdP web page or here: <https://parishplus.com/MLP/>

Do not ask the client if they could benefit from a 3% loan. We could all benefit from a 3% loan. AT&T pays a 5% dividend. Do not promise a loan, there are only going to be 6 in this pilot and the applicant has to meet certain criteria.

One of the requirements is that the client income must be greater than their expenses. If this is not the case even with a loan, then there is no reason to give the client the spreadsheet or even talk about this pilot program.

In the normal home visit while discovering why the client is in trouble, you can ask yourself if a loan is a possibility. Loans can be used for:

- Car repair
- Major home appliances
- Urgent home repairs
- New apartment deposits
- Medical bills
- Family funerals

Loans are not to be used for:

- Recurring expenses such as rent or utility bills
- School expenses
- Credit card debt
- Travel expenses
- Investments

Loans can not be greater than \$4,000 and loans above \$2,500 require additional approval. Loans must be greater than \$500. Three banks support this program (Inwood, Pegasus, and Veritex). The loan is generally paid off in 12 months. When the loan is paid off, \$50 is deposited into their savings account.

If you think an emergency loan could help, you can give the client the Monthly budget MLP spreadsheet (MLP web site) and explain enough about this possible loan so the client can decide if they are interested. If the client gets back to you with the spreadsheet information, you can pass this on to Dick or Mary, and they can then engage with the client for the rest of the process.

It would be good to keep track of how many clients you encounter who could use such a loan, but are not qualified or choose not to fill out the spreadsheet. This information can be sent to me, and I will forward it to Tony Tinker who volunteered to keep track of this information.

There are some who think we would be overrun and some who think we will not encounter anyone who can use such a loan. We should find out fairly quickly who is correct.

Thank you for your help in this pilot program.

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