

Outreach to the Homeless in Salt Lake City

Interested in providing outreach to the homeless?

Please read before submitting an application to hand out food or clothing to the homeless.

There are already excellent organizations in Salt Lake City that provide food, clothing, and other services to the homeless in our community. These organizations rely almost solely on donations and volunteers like you. Providing assistance to those in need through these existing programs is the best way to give back to our community—and these organizations have a structure in place to utilize your time, goods, and money in the most efficient way possible.

The Road Home

210 S. Rio Grande Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
801-359-4142
www.theroadhome.org

St. Vincent de Paul Resource Center

437 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
801-363-7710 x1418
www.dinneratvinnys.org

HOST—Homeless Outreach Service Team

Turn in “spare change” to create change! Instead of giving to panhandlers, give instead at a red HOST meter. Proceeds go to the Pamela Atkinson Foundation, which distributes funds to the various homeless service providers.

If you are still interested in organizing your own independent homeless outreach, please note the **mandatory** guidelines below:

- Food service near the organizations above (in the vicinity of 450 West 200 South) **is not necessary**, as *these organizations already provide meals*.
- Your outreach event will require a Salt Lake City **Free Expression Permit**. You must apply at least 15 days in advance, and the application fee is \$5.19. A Free Expression Permit ensures that you have reserved a specific location to host your activity and that you are in compliance with the law.
- You will be required to submit and receive approval of a Salt Lake City **Waste Management Plan**. You may be required to order waste and recycling bins for your event. A plan form is available at <http://www.slcgov.com/slccgreen/specialevents>.
- Serving food (that is not commercially prepared and packaged) to the homeless **requires you to register with the Salt Lake County Health Department** so that they can provide you with the required food safety information and keep record of your food outreach in case of a foodborne illness outbreak. Depending on the size and duration of your outreach event, the health department may also require you to obtain a **Mass Gathering Permit**. More information and application forms are available at <http://food.slcohealth.org>
- Pioneer Park is a popular venue for this type of outreach. Before you submit an application, ensure that the date you are requesting does not conflict with an existing event at the park. You may contact the SLC Parks Department at 801-972-7800 or <http://www.slcgov.com/parks>. If you begin the Free Expression permitting process first, the Special Event Office will help you coordinate with a specific Parks supervisor.

For additional questions, please contact Salt Lake City Special Events at 801-535-6110 or the Salt Lake County Health Department at 385-468-3845.