



Annual Report, 2012

Getting Started

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Mission

Providing grants that empower the homeless while building community.

Formation

A Hat for Harold incorporated in Maryland in May, 2012, received its IRS 501(c)(3) designation as a public charity on September 21, 2012, and distributed its first grants on November 12, 2012.

Distribution of micro grants is accomplished through a peer council where homeless individuals bring their requests and serve on the council. The council votes on authorizing requests based on whether 1) the request is part of the five H's-- heart (motivation/relationships), health, housing, hired, and a little help, 2) the request can only be reasonably obtained at A Hat for Harold, and 3) whether the requestor is a positive participant in the A Hat for Harold community.

Participation in the peer councils provides not only an opportunity to have a need filled that has been difficult previously, but even more importantly, allows the participants to have a voice in the distribution of funds and in determining their own best course of action as they move toward stable housing and employment. A Hat for Harold is hopeful that providing this forum for active participation will rekindle a sense of responsibility and accountability and be a factor in building self-esteem and dignity.

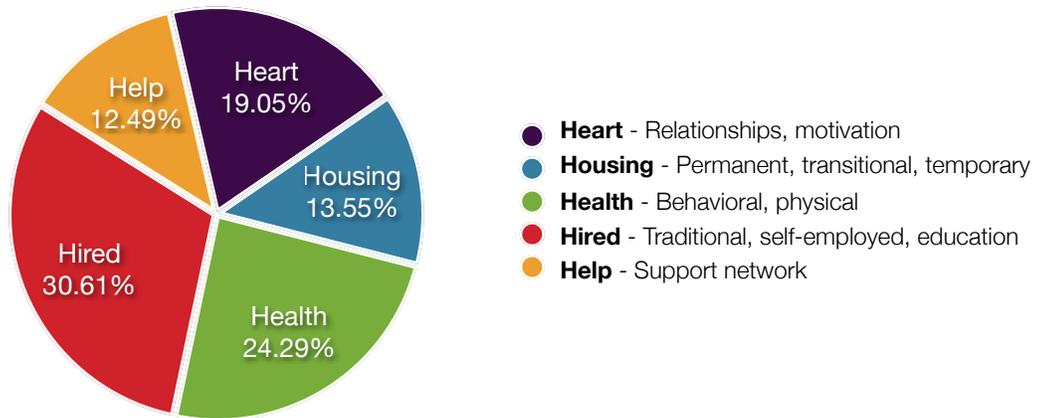
Operation

A Hat for Harold is volunteer-based and holds its council meetings directly in the homeless community, leaving overhead expenses to a minimum. Directors and Officers insurance and credit card fees on donations received are the majority of the expenses.

2012 Finances

Item	Amount	Comments
Donations	\$3,846.96	
Grants distributed	\$1,151.11	14 grants in two council meetings
Expenses	\$696.73	Largest expense: \$600 in Directors and Officers insurance for one year of coverage
Cash in hand at year end	\$1,999.12	

2012 Distribution of Grants



Moving Forward

2013 will be the first full year of operations. A Hat for Harold will fund its first peer council at \$300 per meeting, with meetings every other week. In addition, A Hat for Harold will be in discussions to establish a second peer council community by year end, also funded at \$300 per meeting with bi-weekly meetings.