



Homeless Action Center Doing What It Takes Fund

The social safety net exists to protect all of us. But its protections can be difficult to achieve. Even for people who are destitute, sick and homeless, it can take more than two years for their rights to be recognized. HAC is committed to **doing what it takes** to keep these clients safe, healthy and engaged during an arduous legal process. We can use this time to increase clients' likelihood of success, decrease vulnerability and start them on the path to a more secure living situation.

Tax-deductible donations to the **Doing What It Takes Fund** will be set aside for immediate, appropriate, flexible and significant assistance to HAC's homeless clients and the homeless people we reach out to in encampments and on the streets. For example, the Fund can provide:

- Urgently needed raingear, blankets and medicine. The needs of homeless people and encampment residents change frequently; needs literally change with the weather!
- Transportation, provided by HAC staff or bus passes, to medical appointments and mandatory interviews.
- Basic supplies like socks, underwear, water, and snacks to distribute when we visit encampments. We can order in bulk to ensure a fair distribution.
- Hotel vouchers and security deposits when rentals are available.
- Top ramen, nutritional bars and similar nourishment for our drop-in clients. We had over 1,400 drop-in visits last year. It is hard to concentrate when you are hungry.
- Micro-grants for financial emergencies.