

VTA Solidarity Fund

held at Working Partnerships USA

Physical Presence inside Building A or B and Financial Hardship

Overview of Program Qualifications and Claim Form Guidance

Working Partnerships USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID #77-0387535 established the VTA Solidarity Fund in response to the shooting at the VTA rail yard on Younger Avenue on May 26, 2021. The Fund was established with the support of the City of San Jose and with contributions from a number of businesses, foundations and individual donors to provide a charitable vehicle to assist victims of the tragic events of that day.

Individuals who both (a) were physically present inside Building A or B at the time of the attack and (b) demonstrate financial hardship are eligible for a \$500 disbursement from the VTA Solidarity Fund. This disbursement is intended to help alleviate financial hardship as a result of the attack. A final payment determination will be made upon receipt of all pertinent documentation. No person has a legal claim or entitlement to receive payments from the Fund.

The full distribution protocol can be found [here](#).

Claim Form Instructions

The **Claim Form for Physically Present** can be found [here](#).

1. Complete the information in the 1. Victim Information section for the person who was physically present. Note that an email address is required - funds will be disbursed electronically by linking your bank account to the address.
2. Check the appropriate box next to the sentence 'I was present inside the Younger Avenue VTA Facility, Building A or Building B during the attack on May 26, 2021.' We will validate this with appropriate sources.
3. Complete the information in the 2. Attorney or Other Representation section, if applicable.
4. Check any appropriate boxes in the 3. Supporting Documentation section, if applicable. Be sure to include any supporting documentation when you send in your application.
5. Please describe the Financial Hardship you have experienced as a result of the shooting in the 4. Financial Hardship section. Include any financial information that may be helpful, or any attachments that may be relevant.

6. Read the certification language in the 5. Signature section, then sign, date, and include the printed name.
7. Send the form and any supporting documentation to solidarityfund@wpusa.org.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form, please email solidarityfund@wpusa.org or call (408) 809-2120.

Disbursing the funds

The deadline for applications is October 29, 2021

Working Partnerships USA will review applications as they are received.

If your application is missing information, you will be contacted by someone from Working Partnerships USA (WPUSA) to correct & resubmit your application.

If your application is approved, you will receive an invite via email from Bill.com to connect with WPUSA. Please accept this invitation. Bill.com allows us to directly deposit funds into your bank account without needing to give WPUSA account details like account numbers.

Bill.com is designed for paying bills, so you'll be asked some questions that may seem out of place. *Your responses to these questions will not affect your disbursement*, but below are recommended answers to questions that you may be prompted to answer:

- What's your relationship to Working Partnerships: I'm none of the above
- Business Type: Individual
- Industry: Nonprofit
- Accounting Software: I don't use accounting software

After accepting & completing the bill.com invitation, WPUSA will process the \$500 disbursement. This process can take 1-2 weeks.

If your application is rejected, you will receive an email from solidarityfund@wpusa.org explaining why.

More Information

The full details of the VTA Solidarity Fund are included in the full distribution protocol, which can be found [here](#). All applicants are encouraged to read the distribution protocol in full.