



McKay Lodge - Stepping Stone Program

Looking Glass - 2517 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd

Services Provided

Looking Glass Community Services operates the Stepping Stone Program at McKay Lodge. This program serves 35 male, juvenile ex-offenders annually. All of these youth are repeat offenders with significant behavioral health issues. Stepping Stone provides housing, meal service and access to an array of human services such as behavioral healthcare and education. Of clients who successfully complete the program, 80% are released to a lower level of care in the community.



Proposed Improvements

Looking Glass requests CDBG funding to replace an aging roof and HVAC system, improve technology and security, improve interior walls and provide exterior lighting for recreational areas.

- **Kitchen Renovation** – Deterioration of the kitchen has resulted from heavy use and low grade materials. Proposed work includes installing industrial grade cabinetry and counter-top surfaces, flooring, ceiling tiles, and trim providing a sanitary, and durable kitchen.
- **Roof Replacement** – Roofing replacement are proposed to fix weather damage, moss growth and dry rot. This will maintain the structural integrity and cut repair costs.
- **HVAC Replacement**– High utility costs, expensive ongoing repairs and diminished heating and cooling capacity are resulting from the aging HVAC system. A new system will ensure a comfortable, healthy environment for residents and decrease ongoing operational expenses.
- **Interior Patching and Paint** – The interior walls are in poor repair. Patching and painting the walls will enhance the therapeutic environment by presenting a clean living space.

Community Impact – Proposed improvements will increase the functionality, safety, comfort, and longevity of this facility which meets the needs of particularly vulnerable youth. Receiving appropriate care, treatment and rehabilitation allows these young men the opportunity to transition out of the criminal justice system and be reintegrated productively into community.

Allocated CDBG Grant Amount - \$424,638