



# Whiteaker School

Head Start of Lane County - 21 N. Grant St.

## Services Provided

At the Whiteaker School, Head Start serves a diverse population of 199 low and extremely low income children and their families including 47 children. At this location, Head Start provides early childhood education (birth to 5), 4000 meals per month, family education, and other supports to children and their families. The Whiteaker School facility is also utilized by other community agencies including: Huerto de la Familia, Amigos multicultural services, ShelterCare Homeless Liaison, Willamette Dental, and Whiteaker Community Council.



## Proposed Improvements

Head Start requests funding to replace the roof and repair underlying damage, renovate and expand the kitchen facilities and upgrade security to the building.

- **Roof Repairs** - Roof replacement is proposed due to the failing roof and associated gutters. The viability and longevity of the building will be preserved by roof replacement and remediation of the dry rot and mold damage that has already occurred. The expense of attempting these repairs in a piecemeal fashion is less effective and more costly. Total roof failure could necessitate temporarily closing the whole facility and interrupting programming.
- **Kitchen Renovation**- At present, the kitchen space and equipment is inadequate for the high volume of use. CDBG Funding would allow for kitchen rehabilitation, expansion and installing a new refrigerator/freezer. This will enable current and expanded food services both for Head Start and other community uses such as the Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving.
- **Security** - Installation of exterior security cameras will deter vandalism and improve the safety of the building which can be difficult to secure due to its size and multiple entrance points.

## Community Impact

The proposed improvements will prevent ongoing, costly piecemeal roof repairs and associated water damage, and keep this critical community building working at full capacity for years to come for Head Start of Lane County and other essential community organizations serving Whiteaker area residents.

**Allocated CDBG Grant Amount - \$250,000**