



St. Francis Prayer Center

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Children, Families & Seniors

Year Founded: 1974

Mission: Secure in God's Love, the St. Francis Prayer Center, Flint, exists to serve all people, especially our poor, our parishes, and our diocese, through the ministries of Prayer, Evangelization, Healing and Formation, Direct Services, and Social Justice.

Summary of work: St. Francis Prayer Center provides help with emergency food, diapers, utilities, and beds and sponsors Thanksgiving and Christmas Adopt a Family programs. The vision is to bring back dignity to Flint families, especially children, through a good night's sleep.

Project name and purpose: Good Night's Rest Project helps to restore dignity to a marginalized population of an estimated 15,000 people in Genesee County, mostly children, currently without a bed to sleep in.

Details of Proposed Project: The grant would provide the seed money to build a 30-foot by 60-foot pole barn to provide protected parking for delivery trucks, keeping them secure and safe from vandalism and on-site storage of mattresses, box springs, and bed frames.

Goals and Objectives: The Good Night's Rest project aims to restore dignity, increase productivity, and support self-confidence. Currently delivering 500 beds per year, the group aims to reach 600 annually by limiting or eliminating downtime due to vehicular vandalism.

Implementation Timeline: 18-24 months

Target population: An estimated 15,000 people, including children, who are in need of a bed in the Flint area.

Number served: Since 2012, the bed ministry has delivered about 500 beds/bedding annually, over 6,000 total, to the marginalized in Flint.

Budget:

Project Expense Description	Total Expense	Impact100 Genesee County Funds	Description
Salaries	\$16,300	\$0	Coordinator outreach for beds/bedding, supervision, planning, scheduling
Pole Barn Building	\$116,700	\$57,000	New commercial 30'x60' building, site prep, permits
Admin Costs	\$13,350	\$0	
Research	\$4,000	\$0	Sleep insecurity study for Genesee County
TOTAL	\$150,350	\$57,000	

If the project budget exceeds the grant amount, explain the additional sources of funding:

- PENDING: Portion of Annual Fall Fundraiser 2024: \$30,000
- PENDING: FaceBook Fundraiser 2024: \$10,000
- PENDING: Portion of Annual Fall Fundraiser 2025: \$30,000
- PENDING: Capital Campaign 2024/2025: \$23,350

How will the project be sustained after the funds are used?

No additional funding would be required. Upkeep would be part of the normal operating budget.