



St. Francis Prayer Center

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Focus Area: 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 the dignity of a good night's sleep.

Project name: Dignity of a Good Night's Sleep Project

Project purpose: This project will continue to restore dignity to more Flint marginalized people who are sleeping on floors, especially children, through a good night's sleep by delivering more free beds and bedding using delivery trucks. Serving a 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 40-foot by 60-foot pole barn to provide protected parking for delivery trucks. The pole barn will keep the trucks secure and safe from vandalism as well as on-site storage of mattresses, box springs, and bed frames.

Goals and Objectives: Dignity of a Good Night's Sleep Project aims to restore dignity and increase productivity by 20%. Currently delivering 500 beds per year, the group aims to reach 600 annually by limiting or eliminating downtime and the cost of vandalism.

Implementation Timeline: 1-6 months

Target population: An estimated 15,000 people who are in need of a bed in the Flint area; almost half of the beds are needed for children.

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
Volunteers	\$28,800	\$0	Pickup, warehouse, maintenance, deliver beds/bedding
40x60 Steel Pole Barn	\$58,100	\$58,100	Material, construction
Admin Costs	\$13,300	\$0	
Research	\$10,000	\$0	Sleep insecurity study for Genesee County
Pole Barn infrastructure	\$34,900	\$28,900	Site prep, permits, utilities, interior, lighting, security system
TOTAL	\$161,400	\$87,000	

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

- PENDING: Annual Fall Fundraiser 2025: \$10,000
- PENDING: Facebook Fundraiser 2026: \$ 5,600
- PENDING: Volunteers In-kind \$28,800
- PENDING: Capital Campaign 2025/2026: \$30,000

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.