



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Flint

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Focus Area: Children, Families & Seniors

Year Founded: 2004

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Summary of work: To provide a world-class Club experience, with afterschool and summer programs, that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Project name: Gateway to Great Futures – A better flow. A safer space. A stronger future.

Project purpose: This project will support the renovation of the Club's main lobby to improve safety, traffic flow and accessibility by relocating the coatroom, expanding the clothing and resource closet, replacing an unsafe reception desk, installation of a new food pantry and creating welcoming spaces for homework, seating, and youth engagement.

Details of Proposed Project: As one of the primary entry points into the organization, the Club's current lobby no longer adequately supports the volume of youth served. This project would create a safer, more welcoming, and better organized space that supports both immediate needs and long-term positive youth development. This would ensure that the Club's first impression reflects the high-quality programs and life-changing opportunities that lie beyond it; creating a safe, welcoming gateway to great futures for all who enter. The lobby transformation will better reflect the quality of the programs and support being provided through the Club.

Goals and Objectives: Project success will be defined by measurable improvements in safety, accessibility, traffic flow and overall member experience within the Club's main lobby. Metrics would include quantitative and qualitative feedback including increased utilization of the clothing and resource closet and increased participation in designated homework seating areas.

Implementation Timeline:

Year 1: Lobby renovation complete

Years 1-2: Stock clothing closet, resource closet and food pantry

Target population: Target outreach is youth and families facing barriers to financial stability, limited access to resources (clothing + food), and lack of safe and supportive environments during out-of-school hours. Membership is free for all youth ages 7-17.

Number served: The Gateway to Great Futures will benefit approximately 2,500 youth and family members annually.

Budget:

Project Expense Description	Total Expense	Impact100 Genesee County Funds	Description
Supplies	\$4,600	\$4,600	Supplies associated with project
Admin costs	\$1,000	\$1,000	Permits associated with project
Front desk replacement	\$7,267	\$7,267	Reception desk, storage, seating, Wifi extender, Gate Electrical Admin materials
Coat room relocation	\$10,079	\$10,079	120 cubbies for coats & backpacks, partisan wall, doors & installation
Lobby facelift	\$19,696	\$19,696	New water fountains, paint, ceiling tiles, lighting, signage, murals
Install Youth Success Center	\$24,744	\$24, 744	Youth-friendly seating, tables for tutoring/studying, rugs
Relocate / renovate clothing closet	\$6,782	\$6,782	Clothing storage, racks, laundry cart, foldable table, paint. Stock space with clothes for 2 years
Relocate / renovate resource closet	\$12,545	\$12,545	Storage racks, baskets, paint. Stock space for 2 years
Install food pantry closet	\$13,287	\$13,287	Shelving, refrigerator, freezer, shopping baskets, paint, pest control. Stock space for 2 years
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000	

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

- N/A

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

Because the project is a long-term infrastructure improvement, the Club will sustain the project through ongoing facility maintenance, operational funding and community support, welcoming daily programming for years to come. The clothing, resource, and food closets will continue to be sustained through in-kind donations, community drives, and other partnerships.

A final word from the organization:

Every young person deserves to walk into a space where they feel safe, welcomed, supported, and valued. For nearly 2,500 youth and family members each year, our lobby is more than an entrance—it is the first point of connection with the Club and plays a critical role in maintaining a secure environment, managing the daily flow of members and families, and ensuring staff can effectively welcome and monitor everyone who enters.

Gateway to Great Futures will transform this heavily used space with safety at the forefront. Replacing the current unsafe reception desk, improving traffic flow and visibility, relocating the coatroom, and creating more organized spaces will strengthen our ability to provide a secure and accessible environment. At the same time, a new Youth Success Center, expanded clothing and resource closets, and a food pantry will ensure youth and families can access academic support and essential resources with dignity.

This investment is about much more than renovating a lobby. It is about creating an environment that removes barriers, meets immediate needs, strengthens safety, and gives young people a place where they know they belong. With Impact100 Genesee County's support, the first space our kids enter each day can truly reflect what we want for every young person who walks through our doors: a safer space, a stronger future, and a Gateway to Great Futures.