



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM

PROPOSAL TO DURHAM COUNTY

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) needs the partnership of Durham County to complete our renovation project at 410 Liberty Street in downtown Durham, which will contribute to the revitalization of the downtown business district, enhance functionality of space and improve UMD's ability to healthy meals and training to Durham's homeless and impoverished citizens. UMD appreciates the past and current support provided by Durham County and it respectfully requests \$58,000 towards the completion of this project. Phased renovation to minimize disruption could begin as early as February 2019 and be completed by April 2019 (see enclosed rendering pg.3).

ABOUT UMD: Urban Ministries of Durham has a 30-year history of helping homeless and poor neighbors in downtown Durham. With leadership from area faith communities, businesses and civic leaders, Urban Ministries operates the Community Café, the Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and the Community Shelter as our core programs serving very poor and homeless clients.

UMD is a key resource in Durham's ongoing revitalization, using a collaborative and businesslike approach to offer food, shelter and a future. A 501(c)3 non-profit funded 75% through private donations, UMD meets clients' emergency needs and, through our case workers, connects them with the resources offered by partner agencies. We receive support from companies, individuals, foundations, and diverse communities of faith. Need does not discriminate by race, religion, or other personal factors; neither does UMD. We're non-sectarian, and clients, volunteers and supporters are as diverse as Durham. Daily, more than 300 people get help at UMD.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

The Community Café provides three meals a day to anyone who is hungry, including shelter clients and others from the community. Volunteers provide over 90% of the labor to prepare meals, and community partners donate over 80% of the food. In the fiscal year 2017-2018, the Café served 248,028 meals, an average of 680 per day.

The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet address basic emergency needs for food, clothing, and hygiene supplies. Most of these clients aren't homeless but so poor they lack basic necessities. The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet served an average of 500 households per month this fiscal year.

Community Shelter: The Community Shelter's core objective is to end clients' homelessness. During FY 17-18, 243 people ended their homelessness. In the first half of FY 18-19, we moved 91% of families and 35% of single adults from homelessness to permanent housing. The average nightly occupancy in the shelter is 148. In FY 17-18, 54,378 nights of shelter were provided to 792 men, women, and children.

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT PARTNERS: A project of this size could not be accomplished without support from key supporters. To date we have received contributions for the Café renovation project totaling \$136,000 from dedicated partners that include:

- Duke University Health System
- Jenny Lillian Semans Koortbojian Estate
- CT Wilson Construction
- Kontek Systems
- Downtown Durham Inc.
- First Presbyterian Church
- Downtown Rotary Club
- Center Studio Architecture

THE NEED: A key community resource that has seen intensive 365-day use over 30 years, our Community Cafe has become worn, deteriorated, uninviting and inefficient for clients, volunteers and supporters. The current renovations being considered total \$194,692.

These upgrades will (1) enable UMD to provide more and better services; (2) improve the aesthetics to make a more inviting and inspiring environment; (3) create a multi-purpose meeting area for training and special events; (4) discourage negative behavior by making it visually obvious that UMD is a place of progress and improvement; (5) provide a more welcoming atmosphere for volunteers to serve neighbors in need; and (6) improve function and energy usage.



The current state of our community cafe.

KEY IMPROVEMENTS: UMD staff are partnering with Center Studio Architecture and CT Wilson Construction, to help assess needs, devise repairs, correct safety issues, and upgrade the facilities to include:

- Add UMD branding through color scheme, messaging and layout to provide a welcoming, functional and dignified environment for clients and supporters.
- Paint walls and replace floor tile in selected areas.
- Replace chairs with a model that is more durable and easier to clean.
- Install new light fixtures and update electrical wiring for efficiency and appearance.
- Reroute HVAC duct work to improve system function.
- Add projection screen for training and a built in wall unit for increased storage.

SUSTAINABILITY: The funds we are requesting represent a capacity-building investment in Urban Ministries of Durham that will sustain our work over the decades to come. Replaced building systems will operate more efficiently and economically. We will be able to maintain the space going forward through private contributions. Your funding will enable all of these crucial improvements to create a more attractive, functional, and inspirational space for clients, staff and volunteers.

MEETING THE NEEDS (FY 17-18):

HEALTHY MEALS – 248,028



VOLUNTEERS – 4,166 (UNIQUE)



THE FUTURE – DIGNITY & HOPE



REQUEST: UMD is requesting \$58,000 from Durham County to ensure that this vital resource can effectively serve our homeless and impoverished neighbors in Durham County. Thank you for your consideration. Contact Sheldon Mitchell, Executive Director (smitchell@umdurham.org) for further information.