



My Brother's Keeper Durham Awarded \$100,000 to Support Continuous Efforts in Improving the Quality of Life for Black Men & Boys

Support comes from Dominion Energy Community Reinvestment Fund.

MBK Durham, has demonstrated success and effectiveness in building a system of support and services aimed at improving the lives of Black men and boys. The organization received a major boost thanks to a \$100,000 award from Dominion Energy Foundation. Funding was awarded to identify and invest in communities making steady progress to substantially improve social justice and equality in the lives of boys and young men of color.

“Durham is the ideal city to impact, expand and build upon the national work of My Brother’s Keeper, which began here in 2014,” said Edmund P. Lewis, Jr., MSW, Manager of MBK Durham. “At a time when many have only given lip service to closing the achievement gap among Black and Brown males, MBK Durham has made the issue a top priority, aligning resources into creating a pipeline for young men of color. He has cultivated relationships with stakeholders, partners and various levels of leadership, combined with measurable and achievable goals that are producing outcomes for boys and young men of color.

MBK Durham is committed to providing the community with access to tools and support for navigating systemic barriers that too often prevent many of our children from achieving their dreams.” “Black men and boys are vital contributors to the success and growth of their families, organizations and communities.

With the funding, the organization will continue ongoing transformative efforts that leverage programs and resources for improving mental health support, conflict resolution, restorative justice, college and career access and exposure. The funding will further support intervention programs that address implicit bias, STEM, career exposure & training, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

The award is the latest sign of significant progress in Durham's innovative outreach efforts. “The generous support from Dominion Energy shows that programs like MBK Durham are working,” said County Manager Davis”. “Together, and all of our partners and stakeholders, are



going to continue this work to make the Bull City a city that prides itself on closing the achievement gap for our black boys and men.”

The MBK Durham - Dominion Energy Fund will begin with an initial dive into understanding outreach efforts, with the intent of leveraging new and existing corporate, philanthropic and community partnership support with neighboring organizations whose reinvestment goals are aligned with MBK’s mission, milestones and action items.

Following the community needs assessment, stakeholders and partners will be asked to submit proposal ideas by email at mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov.

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