City Mission
Homeless Shelter and Community Facility
66 West Wheeling Street
Washington, PA 15301

Total Project Costs:
NMTC Allocation: $13,232,073
CCG Allocation: $13,000,000
NMTC Investor: PNC New Markets Investment Partners
Closing Date: May 12, 2017
Status: Operating

Washington City Mission needed to create a building addition and program expansion of parts of City Mission’s existing campus in downtown Washington, Pennsylvania, and at an off-site facility. City Mission was able to expand services offered while increasing its overnight stay capacity for homeless veterans, women, and children by over 50 percent. To do so, the Project sought a NMTC allocation of $12 million from CCG and a $1 million allocation from PNC Community Partners, an affiliate of PNC Bank, who also was the NMTC tax credit investor for the project.

The project completed the following components with financial assistance from NMTCs:

1. Men’s Shelter and Services Center
   In June of 2015, City Mission’s men’s housing shelter experienced a fire that compromised the majority of the building. As part of the project, multiple buildings were renovated to create a shelter and transitional housing for 99 homeless and very low-income men, including kitchen and dining space. The renovations also created space for community services, which include case management, drug and alcohol counseling, job coaching, life skills training, and personal counseling. The space includes five counseling offices, six case management offices, three classrooms, and a computer training room.

2. Veteran’s Residential Center
   Two blighted buildings were demolished to make way for a new three-story building that now provides shelter and transition housing for 23 mostly homeless and very low-income veterans. Additionally, an existing medical clinic was replaced with a newly constructed clinic and pharmacy that offers medical services free of charge and works cooperatively with community agencies and institutions such as assisted-care homes, addiction treatment centers, the Veterans Administration, and Washington Hospital.

3. Avis Arbor Women and Children’s Shelter
   City Mission’s current Avis Arbor homes for women and children have been occupied for 12 years, but are over 100 years old and were in need of rehabilitation. The two, three-story buildings received new windows and were renovated for HVAC, lighting, and flooring. New interior walls were constructed for a more effective layout with fire suppression added to meet code requirements, allowing for 12 individual units preserved for very low-income, mostly homeless women and children.

4. Vocational Training Center
   City Mission previously provided vocational training in a 4,875 square foot building. This project created a new 38,940 square foot distribution facility to receive donations of clothing, furniture, electronics, books, and housewares. The donated goods are cleaned, sorted, and packaged for thrift stores, direct supply to low-income persons, delivery overseas, or donated to other nonprofits. The vocational center provides an extensive training program with state-funded vocational assessments and retail training.

Project Details:
- Renovation and expansion of multiple components of the Washington City Mission facility in Washington, PA.

Distress Criteria:
- 34.2% Poverty Rate
- 48.85% AMI
- 11.3% Unemployment Rate
- Medically Underserved Area

Community Impacts:
- 30 permanent jobs
- 66 construction jobs
- Provide goods and services to 22,291 low-income individuals
- Offer 60,142 nights of shelter per year to low-income individuals and families
- Expand vocational training to 547 participants per year
- Expand job placement to 103 per year
- Expand healthcare to 10,880 medical screenings annually
- Grow counseling to 800 unique individuals per year
- Move 164 residents per year into independent housing