

# Salt Lake Urban County

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## Mission Statement

We aim to strengthen families and neighborhoods by helping fund organizations that provide essential programs and services to individuals and areas of the county that need them most.

**CDBG Public Service Project:**      **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake  
Community Learning Centers**

## Brief Description of the Project

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Salt Lake has used CDBG funding to invest in our next generation to provide afterschool programs to low-income children and give them a safe outlet for learning, sports and personal growth. We have received funding to build Club Sites where we serve low-income families and provide afterschool programs that give educational opportunities to youth ages 3 to 18 years which enhance their life by helping them achieve their personal and educational goals.

## Program Beneficiaries

From the five buildings located across the valley, last year alone our average daily attendance in the summer was 1,103 youth and during the school year is was 1,044 youth. Each day we provide programs that teach the kids to achieve good citizenship and character, and academic success including the tutoring and homework help to lead them towards graduation with a plan for their future. They learn how to live healthy lifestyles including our Triple Play and Mind, Body and Soul programs and they participate in community service activities.

## Justification of program and measurable outcomes “Stable & Safe”

CDBG funding for all of our buildings in Salt Lake County included the purchase of land and the costs of construction as well as programs provided in the high-risk areas of the inner city of Salt Lake. These programs include intervention and gang prevention programs for thousands of youth through the years. Club Members in our four buildings, including Murray, Midvale, Capitol West and Lied are 82% low to moderate income, 72% are considered Minority and 45% are from single parent households. Last year 953 of our Club Members participated in community service projects; they received 119,424 hours of tutoring and a total of 177,946 free healthy snacks and meals were served. Based on our NYOI surveys, 96% of the kids are on grade level for their age and 51% expect to attend college.

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### **CDBG Personal Success Story**

Just one example of many of the positive impact our Club has made on these kids' lives is Emily. Emily came to us in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She had attended eleven different schools, her father caused them to move frequently, and her GPA was below 2.0. She was close to dropping out of school and was suffering from abuse and neglect. Our Murray Club provided a safe place of Emily with adult mentors who cared about her wanted her to succeed. Though she continued to move from place to place, public transportation provided Emily the means to continue to attend the Club on a daily basis. Emily lived basically on her own since age 16. With the help of the Club she obtained housing. She caught up with school and graduated High School and is currently attending Salt Lake Community College (graduating in August). She is now part of a National Leadership Program where she has had the opportunity to meet a number of Congressional leaders and even spoke to an audience of 1,000 which included then Speaker of the House John Boehner. She still continues to face challenges, like all youth her age, but she manages to work two jobs, and having won the title of Youth of the Year for both the State of Utah and the BGCA Pacific Region she has received over \$60,000 in scholarships to help her achieve her academic goals. Emily credits the Club for much of her successes and says she plans to continue studying Human Services in college so she can return to the Club as a Youth Development Professional and "help other people become somebodies." Without the funding from CDBG for our buildings we would not be able to provide Emily and countless others like her, the services they need to succeed.



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