

# Operation Breakthrough

3039 & 3036 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109



<b>Total project costs</b>	\$13,698,077
<b>Total NMTC allocation</b>	\$11,000,000
<b>CBKC NMTC allocation</b>	\$11,000,000
<b>Closing date</b>	12/28/2017



## Project Description

Operation Breakthrough, Inc. is a non-profit in Kansas City that purchased and renovated a property across the street from its existing facility, constructing a new gymnasium and bridge that will connect the two campuses. The organization provides poverty intervention with education, health care, parent programs, and emergency services for families.

Stated on the organization's website those served by Operation Breakthrough are from some of the worst neighborhoods in Kansas City. When the project is completed it will increase services for core urban residents by growing total service capacity, which also increases the amount of FTE jobs need. The Project includes an area that is intended to be leased to an adult education non-profit to complement Operation Breakthrough's parent programs of emergency aid, supportive housing, and adult therapy and education. The organization is currently working with LiteracyKC, a local non-profit that offers basic education and literacy services to adults. This space allows LiteracyKC to increase service capacity and improves computer access for adults to create resumes and apply to jobs.

## Community Alignment

The project which is strongly supported by the community is evidenced by the over \$7 million of charitable contributions received from donors in the community in support of the Project. The Project is also directly in line with the Kansas City Comprehensive Plan and the Troost Corridor Redevelopment Plan. The Comprehensive Plan believes in lifelong learning where people have the ability to continuously learn. This directly aligns because it brings educational opportunities to the area. The Troost Plan has 3 strategic goals: 1) focusing on two nodes along the corridor that establish feasible catalytic projects and have an impact on future redevelopment of the area, 2) recommend with an emphasis on market analysis to provide realistic opportunities, and 3) address the triple bottom line. The Plan recognizes 31st St.- 33rd St. blocks are in critical need of redevelopment and by utilizing the funding from the City of Kansas City, they are able to bring necessary services to the low-income community.

## Distress Criteria

- Unemployment rate: 16.2%
- Median family income: 55.46%
- Poverty rate- 39.20%
- Designated State Enterprise Zone

## Community Impacts

- Retains 134.5 Full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and creates an additional 12.5 FTE jobs with average salaries of \$36,613
- 60% of FTE jobs go to local residents of low-income community.
- 104 direct construction jobs with 75% going to Kansas City residents.
- Increase Early Learning Education from 290 to 370 (100% low-income)
- Increase adult/caregiver education and job training by 200 persons annual (250 to 450)
- Increase before and after school learning by 210 students from 140 to 350 students (100% low-income)

