

**Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.
2016 MEAP Grant**

Grant Award: \$97,325

Service Area: Lowell School District (Portions of Kent and Ionia Counties)

Anticipated Reach: 50 Households

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. (FROM) is continuing its existing energy assistance program that focuses on moving low-income households toward self-sufficiency through case management, consumer education and accountability.

Program Details

- One-on-one thirty minute intake meeting with client to review the need, determine what brought the client to the point of crisis, review overall household budget and recommend programs and services.
- Energy assistance provided to meet the current crisis (up to \$2,000 per household) and a commitment to subsidize the utility payment (an average of \$150 per month) for an additional three month period of time.
- Participants must commit to twelve week coaching program that includes financial literacy, household budgeting, and development and implementation of self-sufficiency goals.
- Participants must have energy audit performed on their residence and must attend a thirty minute one-on-one energy consultation.
- Participants will receive free CFL bulbs.
- Follow-up meeting six months after completion of program to review progress and track utility savings.

Additional Services Offered

- Neighbor to Neighbor program in partnership with the Lowell Rotary Club and Lowell Light and Power to help low-income households with weatherization and small home repairs
- Food pantry and thrift shop
- Rent and mortgage assistance
- VITA Tax Program – free tax preparation and filing
- Employment Services

Partners

- Lowell Light and Power
- Lowell Rotary Club
- Lowell School District
- Neighbor to Neighbor

Location/Hours/Contact Information

Address: 11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell, MI 49331

Hours: Call-in appointments and walk-in during Administrative Office hours:

- Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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