

# McLean Community Center

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LOB #290:

## **TEEN CENTER PROGRAMS**

### **Purpose**

The Teen Center LOB strives to support the MCC mission to create and maintain a sense of community through creative programming that engages teens.

### **Description**

The Teen Center Programs LOB engages teens through after-school programming and summer camps. For example, a daily after-school program provides a safe place for middle and high school students during the time of day identified by experts as the most critical time of day for teens to be supervised – 2:30-6 pm. More than just a safe place, the after-school program provides enrichment activities to foster youth development.

Similarly, summer camps that offer summer trips provide participants from grades 5-12 exposure to leisure/adventure opportunities they might not otherwise experience during non-school months. These camps also provide much needed professional childcare.

The following events were held by the Teen Center during FY 2015:

- Break Trips
- Rentals;
- Friday Night Activities
- Block Party

Effective partnerships are essential to the success of teen programming. For example, Old Firehouse staff leverage facility space to build strategic alliances with community organizations. These partnerships help the MCC to provide diverse recreational programming, to increase patronage of the Old Firehouse facility, and to increase public awareness of MCC and Old Firehouse programs and services.

Building partnerships is one way the Old Firehouse shows corporate social responsibility to the residents of McLean, by supporting the efforts of community organizations such as the Safe Community Coalition and McLean Youth Orchestra.

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## Benefits

This LOB provides an opportunity for numerous community patrons to be exposed to the variety of programs offered, including:

- Member and Non-member teens in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade
- MCC District and Non-District Residents
- Residents taking classes and attending other events
- Non-residents taking classes and attending other events
- Individuals renting space for private activities including:
  - Community organizations
  - Local open groups
  - Local private groups
  - Non-local groups

## Mandates

This Line of Business is not mandated.

## Trends and Challenges

The numbers of special needs population in after-school programs is rising. As a result, there are more requests for accommodations. While this presents some challenges, it enables the MCC to serve an underserved population and to learn and stay current of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) trends in recreation.

Given the increased demand on facility resources, there is more wear and tear on the facility. As the facility ages, there is the risk of decreased rental revenue from private rentals.

There is an upside to heavy utilization of the facilities in that the result is increased programming diversity for the community and increased awareness of social issues, such as mental health trends and issues facing McLean teens. Similarly, there is greater awareness of local resources that address these issues through increased, expanded, and diversified community outreach, promotion, and branding of the MCC and The Old Firehouse.

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## Resources

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted
<b>LOB #290: Teen Center Programs</b>			
<b>FUNDING</b>			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Compensation	\$230,032	\$222,896	\$242,893
Benefits	35,178	35,008	37,446
Operating Expenses	211,196	182,035	275,265
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$476,406</b>	<b>\$439,939</b>	<b>\$555,604</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$35,542</b>	<b>\$124,549</b>	<b>\$185,425</b>
<b>POSITIONS</b>			
Authorized Positions/Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)			
<u>Positions:</u>			
Regular	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>1 / 1</b>	<b>1 / 1</b>	<b>1 / 1</b>

## Metrics

Metric Indicator	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Estimate
Cost Per Patron	\$13	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$15

The break camps, Old Firehouse Teen Center summer camps and fifth & sixth grade dance programs have been moved from the Youth Programs Department to the Teen Center Programs in FY 2015, thereby increasing the spending per patron. In FY 2017, the after-school programs and break camps participants are being increased from 28 to 42 based on demand. In FY 2015, 72 percent of the program expenses were subsidized by the MCC Fund.