



Black Lives Matter – Flint

MISSION

Black Lives Matters – Flint is a community-based organization that seeks to empower Black individuals, whole families, and urban communities. Black Lives Matters – Flint is a grassroots organization focused on education, civic duties, advocacy, public health, neighborhood revitalization, and entrepreneurship. We seek to collaborate with organizations and service providers to develop systemic programs and special projects.

Black Lives Matter - Flint chapter affiliated with BLM Foundation, who is a national organization focused on ending state-sanctioned violence against Black people and improving the conditions of Black people through campaign organizing, electoral engagement, education, leadership development, and direct services to families impacted by state violence.

ACTION ITEMS:

Police Reform

Black people in the US have been the victims of heinous acts of excessive force from racist cowards hiding behind a badge that was sworn-in to protect and serve the public. Historically, police or Slave Patrols: An early form of American policing, “(1) to chase down, apprehend, and return to their owners, runaway slaves; (2) to provide a form of organized terror to deter slave revolts; and, (3) to maintain a form of discipline for slave-workers who were subject to summary justice, outside the law.” Fear tactics -- oppressive laws and discriminatory practices still exist within the culture of police forces throughout the country.

We are working strategically with policymakers to enact an ordinance that restricts this behavior by enforcing high-level accountability that leads to transformational legislation. Through collaboration with the Community Oversight Commission, our focus is on developing strategies and providing insight that governs how peace officers police the community.

As stakeholders in the community overseeing police departments, prosecutor's offices, and county jails are the responsibility of the public that is held in high standards with policies that enforce them. **Defunding police departments in favor of reallocating of some funds towards community social services, education, and skills trade training will provide a solid foundation for self-sustainability.** Investing in the Black Lives enriches the community as a whole.