



Listening House of St. Paul

...welcoming our community through radical hospitality

One-Time Capital Cash Appropriation Request for the Innovate Our Impact Project

Listening House is undergoing a public-private campaign to generate \$6.322 million by the end of 2023 *to build a resource center on East 7th Street*. The project redesigns how poor and homeless services are resourced in Minnesota to increase engagement and promote public safety, health, and peace.



\$3.322 million has been raised with the building secured and renovations in progress. Major project donors are Listening House of St. Paul Board of Directors, City of St. Paul, Hardenbergh Foundation, MEI, Travelers Foundation, Brian and Shelly Murray, and Ralph L'Allier.

About Listening House

Listening House is St. Paul's Day Shelter provides comfort, security, basic needs, and practical resources for Minnesotans in deep poverty to manage their everyday lives and bridge out of homelessness. With a listening ear and radical hospitality that gives people purpose and a daily destination, Listening House is a connection hub and lifeline for 200+ Minnesotans daily and provides 70,000 visits annually.

History & Current Challenge

For 40 years, Listening House has provided poor and homeless Minnesotans respite from the streets and weather and links into community and services. In 2020, Listening House opened Freedom House in response to community calls. The 18-month project, established through executive orders and funded through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, fulfilled its contract and closed in May 2022. Services are now reduced to what can be provided within leased church space in Dayton's Bluff. *Saint Paul now asks, With the learnings of Freedom House, How is Listening House going to improve its services and impact?*

Planned Solution

Freedom House showed everyone the void of practical resources that poor and homeless Minnesotans need to conduct everyday life. Leased space limits Listening House's ability to respond to our community needs, and locations need to be well thought out and purposeful. A permanent, accessible resource center gives Minnesota the infrastructure required to increase its engagement with the homeless community and provide practical, low-cost resources to improve public health and safety while preventing very private business from being conducted in public spaces. Mail, storage, restrooms, showers, laundry, computers, internet access, and resting/changing and gathering spaces are integrated into our new, innovative design.

See Reverse for Detailed Working Budget.

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Innovate Our Social Impact

A Resource Redesign & Expansion Project of Listening House of St. Paul

Detailed Working Budget as of February 2023

Building Acquisition (East 7th St. Paul)

Acquisition & Planning: May-July 2022: \$994,132	
Foundation & Building Supports	
Electrical & Mechanical	
Roofing, Siding, Windows	
Insulation & Drywall	
Kitchen, Bathrooms, Lockers, Cubbies	
Security, Audio, Internet Connectivity & Equipment	
Community Partner Service Rooms, Offices	
Bathrooms, Showers, Laundry, Sleep Alcoves	
Donation Room, Community Conference Room	
Fixtures & Furnishings	
Construction Spring 2023: \$4,050,000	
Predesign, Design, Project Management	
June 2022-Dec 2023: \$750,868	
Occupancy & Other	
Oct-Dec 2023: \$907,868	
Project Total: Reimagine Our Social Impact	\$6,322,000