



1700 Second Street NE | Minneapolis, MN 55413

## SF 1656-EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

**REQUEST: In FY2024, \$300,000 cash appropriation from the Capital Investment Fund.**

A community-based nonprofit, East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS), provides integrated care and support to stabilize people across the life span. Adaptive and responsive programs improve education pathways, employment stability, and living security.

East Side Neighborhood Services Food Programs serves 50+ Hennepin County Subsidized High Rise Buildings biweekly. The participants are 55+ and transportation challenged with some disabled, and many are non-English speakers. In 2022, the Program served close to 4,000 individuals and delivered 800,000 pounds of culturally informed food options.

### Vision

***Ultimately, the space will increase efficiency, volunteer engagement, and better integration of ESNS programs. And the expenses for the existing building will be eliminated.***

- To ensure continuation of high-quality Food Access and Security Programs to people with transportation barriers or physical limitations.
- To relocate the current debilitated warehouse from the industrial area of the North Loop in Minneapolis to the ESNS main campus in Northeast Minneapolis.
- To create an innovative space at ESNS promoting food equity efforts, by building intergenerational, cross-cultural learning spaces, including flex classrooms, commercial kitchen, essential food preparation, food storage, and volunteer engagement spaces.
- To leverage our intergenerational education programs along with the community engagement practices to co-create an environment of shared understanding and action around food sustainability and urban agriculture opportunities, and hands on learning.

### Plan

The capital costs for this project have been assessed at \$600,000 for a basic, effective, buildout for existing programs. To achieve the broader vision and programming models, the estimated cost will be closer to 1 million. East Side fundraising plan includes a modest capital campaign to support the Capital Investment funds from the State. ESNS plans to begin buildout of the main campus in the Fall 2023.

New Location at ESNS:



Current Location:



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