



# Listening House of St. Paul

*...welcoming our community through radical hospitality*

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

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



*Figure - Staff Kate and guest*

\$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, Securian, Hardenburgh Foundation, MEI, Travelers Foundation, and Brian and Shelly Murray.

## **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
<b>Project Total: Reimagine Our Social Impact</b>		<b>\$6,322,000</b>