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Eastside Community Network's Stoudamire Wellness Hub Set To Receive Almost \$1.8 Million From Congress

DETROIT, Mich., March 11, 2022 - Eastside Community Network is set to receive \$1,787,725 of the \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending bill passed by the House on Thursday, March 10. The bill consists of a series of fiscal year 2022 appropriations bills to keep the government running and emergency supplemental funding for Ukraine. The bill also aims to provide funding for community projects in community development and housing, public safety, and education. The organization plans to use the funds to update its newest community asset, the Stoudamire Wellness Hub.

"We now have resources in place to complete space upgrades, equipment, and furnishings to bring this vision to life," said Eastside Community Network President & CEO Donna Givens Davidson. "We are overjoyed by the opportunity to burnish this jewel in our community, *for* our community, and our inclusive health and wellbeing."

In 2021, Eastside Community Network expanded its work and impact by converting the building at 4401 Conner St. into the Stoudamire Wellness Hub - a community center that will serve as a wellness and resilience hub for residents of Detroit's eastside. Their primary focus involves concentrated poverty, limited household resources for energy, shelter, technology, transportation, water, and food, disconnection from formal health care structure, fragmented social networks and social isolation, poor air quality, stormwater/sewage management, structural vulnerability to crisis and poorly resourced neighborhoods re: health care, recreation, fitness, and social. Stoudamire Wellness Hub will include many spaces and activities to support the holistic needs of the residents and communities we serve.

"Many thanks to our Congresswoman [Rashida Tlaib] and her staff for being such a strong advocate for building community resources and power," said Givens Davidson.



About Eastside Community Network:

For over 36 years, the Eastside Community Network (formerly Warren Conner Development Coalition) has worked tirelessly to develop programs and resources that center the needs of east side residents and amplify their voices with respect to the development of their communities. Their primary revolves around six core initiatives: Community Organizing & Planning, Climate Equity, Business & Economic Development, Youth Development, and Sustainable Housing. Their mission: Eastside Community Network develops people, places, and plans for sustainable growth on Detroit's east side. For more information or to donate, please visit ecn-detroit.org

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