



CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER



The City of Columbia Heights is seeking funding to replace its rapidly deteriorating Municipal Service Center, a critical piece of infrastructure that is required to provide essential services to our residents.

AT A GLANCE

Challenges

- Deteriorating and inefficient structure
- Repair options have been exhausted
- Not current with ADA standards
- Site contamination

Project Benefits

- Improved safety
- Improved accessibility
- Increased efficiency and expanded solar
- Bonding prevents overburdening taxpayers
- Soil remediation

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OUR COMMUNITY

In 2021, the median household income in Columbia Heights was 26% lower than the seven-county MSA. Over the last ten years, the City's local tax-supported levy increased by an average of 8.2% per year to support essential services. The overall local levy has increased from \$6.4M to \$14M over the same time frame. The City recognizes that many of its taxpayers have limited resources and aims to preserve its status as an accessible community by maintaining affordable tax levels. Funding from the state will help prevent tax increases that could overburden taxpayers.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The current Municipal Service Center was built in 1970 and is rapidly deteriorating. The City has undertaken extensive rehabilitation projects to extend the life of the 53-year-old building, but repair options have been exhausted. The facility is not compliant with current accessibility standards, is located on a site that contains contamination from past industrial uses, and no longer allows the City to serve its residents in an efficient manner.

THE REQUEST

The City is seeking \$12 million to help support this \$25 million project. Funding will be used to design and build a new facility that will help the City provide essential services to the Columbia Heights community safely, sustainably, and efficiently.

CURRENT CHALLENGES



Road salt has caused corrosion of structural rebar and columns throughout the garage.



Exterior block has been repaired but continues to fail due to age and lack of a vapor barrier.

The age and design of the building create accessibility issues that would be remedied with a new structure built to current standards.

