

# Project: American Indian Community Center

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## American Indian Community Center Services

Youth Development • Intergenerational Family Services • Elder Services • Homeless Street Outreach & Safe Harbor • Cultural Education & Activities • Community Gardening & Ceremonial Space • Mental Health & Substance Abuse Counseling • Traditional American Indian Spiritual-based Healing • Job Training & Cultural Social Enterprise Opportunities • Indigenous Co-op • Food Pantry, Clothing, & Other Basic Needs • Early Childhood Education • Legal Aid & Advocacy Services • Tribal Offices • On-site State & County Services • Medical & Dental Services •

**American Indian Community Center** is a very unique and exciting vision project that three organizations and the community have been planning collaboratively since 1997. The Center is the vision of one **co-located space in Saint Paul**, where a dense population of the under-served American Indian community resides. This space will bring together community services and resources, becoming a beacon of pride and safety for Indigenous families. It will be a place where

## ***American Indian Families Thrive!***

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**Partners:** **American Indian Family Center**  
579 Wells St, St Paul, MN 55130

**Interfaith Action: Department of Indian Work**  
3080 Centerville Road, Little Canada, MN 55117

**Montessori American Indian Childcare Center**  
1909 Ivy Ave E, St Paul, MN 55119

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## Project Request:

Immediate site to resolve space needs and pre-development costs related to a new campus totaling approximately 95,500 sq.ft.

This project could take two forms:

- 1) building the campus as a ground-up development and/or
- 2) redevelopment of an existing vacant property

- Serve a combined estimate of **1,000** American Indian households and **5,000** individuals annually.
- Provide **75 families** with safe and traditional *Montessori American Indian Childcare in a Rule 3 Licensed Childcare Center.*
- Serve **500 families** annually with *job training and vocational training* in a state of the art **Technology Center.**
- Create **job opportunities** for community members through the *construction of a solar and renewable energy efficient building* and additional **social enterprise opportunities** after development.
- Provide **food and basic need items** at a food shelf for a *community residing in a food desert.*

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## Project Progress

Estimated Project Cost: \$6.3M

Funds Raised to Date: \$150k

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Remaining need: **\$6.15M**

### **Cost Breakdown**

Pre-development for new campus: **\$1.8M**

Purchase and build-out of existing structure  
to meet immediate space needs: **\$4.5M**

The partners have identified a specific building to purchase and renovate in Saint Paul to resolve the immediate space needs. This space is adequate to deliver all existing programming, including on-site State, County & Tribal services! The partners are ready to co-locate immediately upon securing funding.