

Housing Works secures \$4M for Hell's Kitchen clinic

Brooklyn-based nonprofit Housing Works has secured financing for a more than \$4 million outpatient health care facility in Hell's Kitchen.

Housing Works provides health care as well as job training and legal assistance to more than 30,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Manhattan-based Nonprofit Finance Fund and Primary Care Development Corp. are equally contributing to a \$2.6 million loan for the project. And the state Department of Health has provided about \$1.6 million in grant funding.

"As community-development financial institutions, we're very concerned with managing costs for our clients and ensuring the maximum benefit to them and their projects," said Anne Dyjak, managing director at PCDC.

Housing Works' new clinic will be its fifth in the city. The nonprofit focuses on integrating primary care with behavioral and substance-use care and also offers safe syringe-exchange programs. Additionally, Housing Works provides supported housing, case-management and pharmaceutical services as well as operates a bookstore, thrift shops and advocacy offices here and in Albany; Washington, D.C.; and Haiti.

"We always wanted to make sure that we had services in Midtown and on the West Side," said Matthew Bernardo, CEO of Housing Works.

The Hell's Kitchen facility will be close to significant homeless populations near the Port Authority and Penn Station as well near subway lines that run in the Bronx and Brooklyn, he said. It is expected to field about 15,000 to 20,000 visits per year.

Housing Works also is close to [finalizing a merger](#) with Harlem-based Bailey House, a nonprofit HIV/AIDS supportive-housing provider, Bernardo said.

A build-out of the Hell's Kitchen facility is expected to be complete in about nine months, he said. It will open in early 2020.