ILLUMINATE 68 GRAND STREET

Grand Street Community Arts wants to Illuminate 68 Grand Street by improving / renovating our 68 Grand Street Center to ensure that we can continue providing programs, services and resources to our community.

Through the Illuminate 68 project, we hope to give the South End the boost/shot in the arm it needs to see its full potential as a thriving and very diverse neighborhood. We are uniquely equipped to help meet the needs of the South End because of our central historic and very visible location in the neighborhood. We are located at the Eastern gateway to the City and have the ability to contact and meet with residents from all walks of life.

Our building is key to revitalizing the entire neighborhood. Through this renovation project, our team will work to update windows, doors, standard ventilation capabilities, sufficient and zoned heating capacity, adequate disability access, and the addition of bathrooms with disability accommodations. Renovations will also include the addition of training classrooms and the relocation of our radio station. Funding will also assist in improving drainage to prevent flooding into the ground level. We have received funding for Phase One of this project but are still seeking funding for Phase 2 of this project. (See Below Phase Two Project Task)

The target population is primarily the South End neighborhoods, but our services in the past have reached a diverse population of young people and adults from many neighborhoods in Albany. Community members in the City of Albany need a safe place for their children to be after school and on the weekends, a place to engage each other, a place to contact service providers and government contacts, a place to play chess, a place to engage in artistic expression, a place to learn how to create radio shows and podcasts, a place to get career support in artistic and other endeavors. People in the neighborhood - people in our community are looking for change , positive change and we are here to provide it.

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