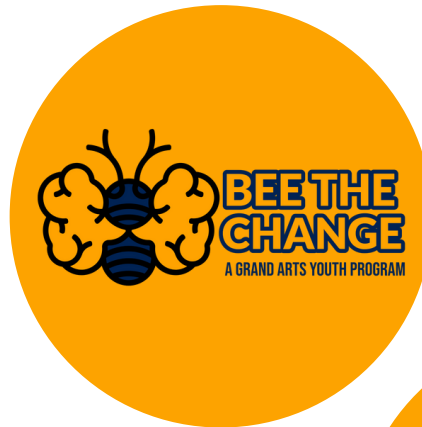




ILLUMINATE 68

A GSCA PLEDGE DRIVE

"REIMAGINE 68 GRAND STREET"



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Grand Street Community Arts
Ta-Sean C. Murdock, Executive Director



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. If it were renovated and updated with fully functioning windows, standard ventilation capabilities, sufficient and zoned heating capacity, adequate disability access, fans and insulation upgrades and sufficient sinks and toilets, the former St. Anthony's Church could become the community commons that has always been the goal of Grand Street Community Arts.

We were able to have more immediate contact with residents, especially those without internet, in a time when the pandemic had driven people indoors. We can and have been meeting residents where they are, outside, walking to and from, to provide support and information - food, vaccines, voter registration, and when possible meeting space with County, City and police officials. We have also increased the number of youth programming opportunities which include our Youth ArtStreet Workshop and Bee the Change Youth Enrichment Program.

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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GRAND STEET COMMUNITY ARTS

Non-Profit Organization

REQUEST #1: BASEMENT RENOVATION

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OUR PROJECT PLAN

1. Community Conference Room / Performance Stage
2. Community Program Space for Youth Programs
3. Develop Training/Classroom Spaces for Community Training & Engagement
4. Office Space
5. Additional Storage Space
6. Update HVAC (A/C & Heating)



1. Relocate & Renovate Community Radio Station to Basement Space
2. Upgrade & Update Equipment

PROJECT BUDGET: \$247,000

Fund's Received towards Project

City of Albany - ARPA Grant Awarded: \$200,000

Private Donations - \$15,000

REMAINING FUNDS NEEDED: \$32,000

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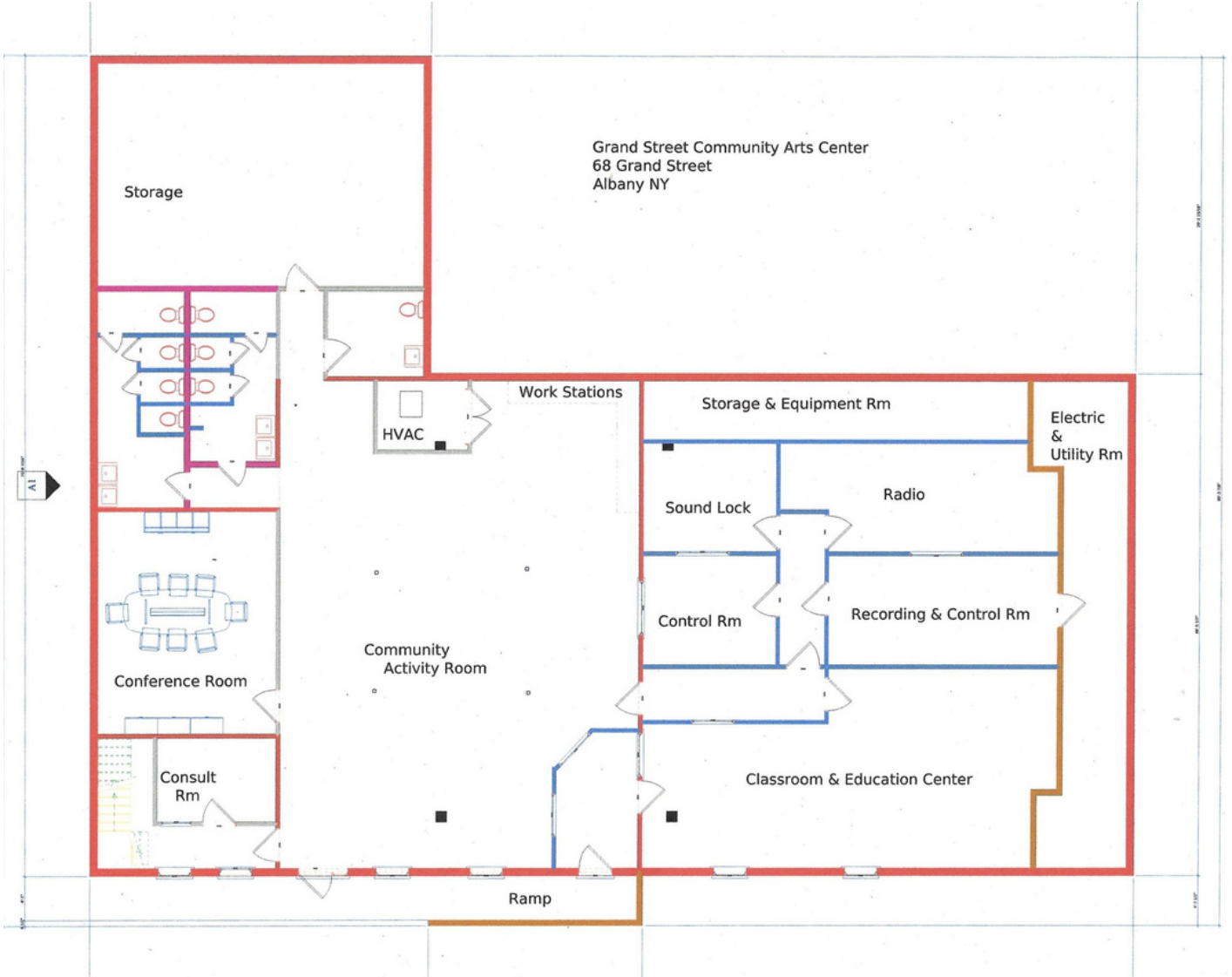
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FLOOR PLAN FOR GROUND LEVEL RENOVATION



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