



Sabathani Community Center
The Heart of South Minneapolis

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Sabathani Community Center Awarded \$6.4 Million for Geothermal and Workforce Development by the State of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (May 30, 2024) — Sabathani Community Center is thrilled to announce the allocation of \$6.4 million from the State of Minnesota to support its innovative Community Energy Project. This substantial grant includes \$6 million to develop a district energy geothermal system and \$400,000 dedicated to enhancing our Workforce Development Training Center.

The geothermal system will significantly reduce pollution and carbon emissions, lower energy costs, and create family-sustaining wages within the green economy. The Workforce Development Training Center will continue to empower community members with the skills needed for sustainable employment in the evolving renewable and energy-saving sector.

"We are deeply grateful for this generous support from the State of Minnesota and our dedicated partners," said Scott Redd, Sabathani CEO/President. "This funding is a monumental step forward in turning our vision into reality, enabling us to create a safer, more sustainable community."

Sabathani acknowledges the vital role of collaboration in securing this funding, especially our bill authors Senator Tou Xiong and Representative Athena Hollins.

While the journey is far from over, with \$8.5 million still needed to realize the project fully, Sabathani is working with its engineering team to phase the project and is optimistic and determined to see the project to completion. The organization remains committed to working closely with its partners to achieve the shared goal of a sustainable and thriving community.

"We look forward to continued collaboration as we embark on the next phase of this exciting project," Redd added. "Together, we are paving the way for a greener, healthier, and more prosperous future."

To learn more about the Community Energy Project, please visit sabathani.org/energy-project

About Sabathani Community Center: Sabathani Community Center, one of Minnesota's oldest African American-founded and -led nonprofits, provides essential supports that equip and inspire people of all ages and cultures to improve their lives and contribute to a thriving South Minneapolis community. Sabathani's services include a food shelf and clothing closet, employment support, health and wellness programs, senior programs, and youth programs.

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