

Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center – Clarksburg, West Virginia



Located in Clarksburg, West Virginia, The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center redevelopment will transform an historic, vacant theater built in 1913, into a modern performing arts center with 1,010 seats. The historic rehabilitation and restoration will also include a multi-purpose banquet hall and 2,500 square feet of classroom space.

This new community space is expected to be a catalyst of economic development and revitalization in downtown, as well as provide cultural and educational opportunities to residents of Clarksburg and the surrounding counties within north central West Virginia. The city will partner with the school district to provide educational programs that are typically only available in communities such as Morgantown, which is an hour from Clarksburg. At the time of investment, CAHEC had invested in two Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects in Harrison County, WV.

Projected Outcomes:

- Construction jobs: 100
- Permanent jobs: 29 full time equivalents
- Visitors: 7,000 annually

The project is located in a NMTC high distress census tract with the following distress characteristics:

- Poverty rate: 41%
- Unemployment rate: 11%
- Median family income: 46% of the area median income
- Located in a NMTC nonmetropolitan county
- Located in a NMTC underserved state
- Federal major disaster area

The total cost of the project is \$22.9 million with CAHEC New Markets providing \$10 million of NMTC allocation. U.S. Bancorp CDC is the NMTC and historic tax credit investor.

Construction for this project started in March 2017 and is expected to be complete in Summer 2018.

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