

*A community is made up of many things: people, homes, businesses, civic organizations and religious institutions. A community is also made up of history - that history is made in places like **"THE GYM"***



WHY

"The Gym" at the corner of Harding Street and Belle Plaine Avenue in Chicago has served the neighborhoods of West Walker and Irving Park for 80 years. It is used today for a broad variety of activities, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, basketball, volleyball, after school and summer programs, exercise classes, community events, and fundraisers.

Despite regular repairs and updates, the exterior and interior condition of the building has significantly deteriorated. This has affected the:

- *Integrity of the building itself*
- *General safety*
- *Perception of those using our building*
- *Perceived value of the building to the community*
- *Feasibility of using the building to extend/grow programs*

WHAT

An attractive, airtight, and safe **exterior** is our first priority. The proposed work will restore the integrity of the building envelope to ensure the longevity of The Gym for years to come. Repairs will also enhance the appearance and restore the historical nature of the building elements. The work includes:

- rehabilitation of the exterior masonry on the four elevations of the building
- limestone, brick, and general masonry repair and replacement
- replacement of select windows and doors
- reconstruction of the building parapets and associated roof flashing work
- resetting and replacement of copings
- tuckpointing

Further **interior** work, based on the results of the campaign, includes: repair of dry wall, door trim, falling efflorescence, stage curtain, ceiling tiles, painting throughout, fire door installation, ceiling replacement, electrical update, lighting, bathroom renovation, and accessibility. These decisions will be made in consultation with the community and users of The Gym and all money raised for The Gym will be used in a transparent manner.

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