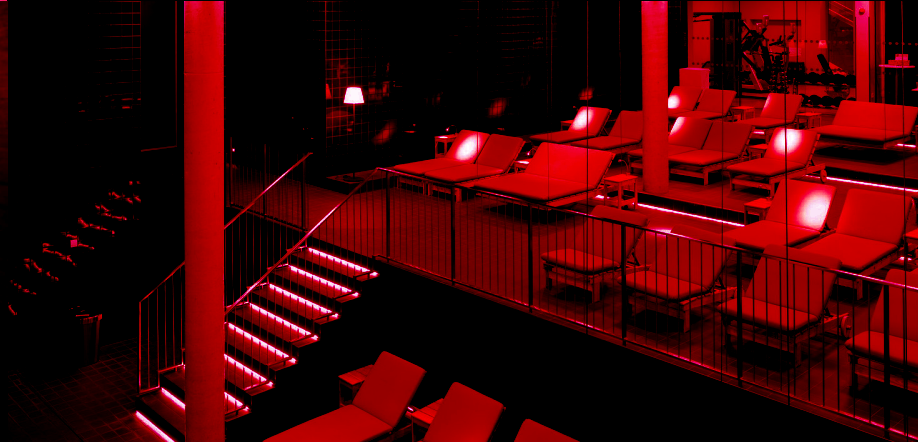


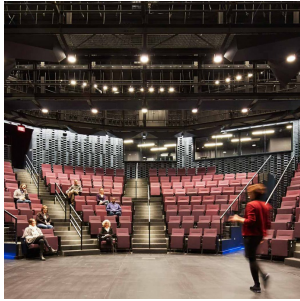
PENUMBRA

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

*A REVITALIZED BUILDING AND
CAMPUS FOR RACIAL HEALING*



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LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

*A REVITALIZED BUILDING AND CAMPUS TO SUPPORT THE
PENUMBRA CENTER FOR RACIAL HEALING AND ITS COMMUNITY*

AMOUNT REQUESTED:
\$2MM cash appropriations or bond funds

FOR
A revitalized building and campus to support the Penumbra Center for Racial Healing and its community members.

VISION
Penumbra, a 45-year-old legacy Black arts organization that was once home to playwright August Wilson, is evolving into the Penumbra Center for Racial Healing. Based in the Rondo neighborhood in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Penumbra’s mission has long been to nurture Black artists, promote racial equity, and inspire creative resiliency. Building upon this history, the Penumbra Center for Racial Healing will offer new artistic offerings, robust equity training services, and a wellness center.

IMPACT
Penumbra will be a statewide resource for individuals and organizational partners seeking knowledge and

skills in the racial equity space, opportunities for rest and replenishment, sources of creative inspiration and nourishment, and avenues to engage in community building, civic engagement, and direct action. This deep investment at the micro level has the potential to shift behaviors and cultural patterns at the macro level.

PROJECT DETAILS
Penumbra seeks two million dollars to support a planning and pre-design process that invites key partners to envision a multi-use space. The process will explore relationships between entities already sharing our current Martin Luther King Recreation Center building, as well as new partners, to determine whether our current site or new location will best support vital racial healing for Minnesotans.

Through research, Penumbra has identified four core impact areas in which racial inequities persist; these areas will inform our network of essential partners to promote equity across sectors. Over the course of a year, Penumbra will work with leaders in climate change, criminal justice,

education, and health equity to discover mutual goals and strategies to eradicate racial disparities.

We will host community listening sessions focusing on the Rondo neighborhood, Twin Cities Metro Area, greater Minnesota, and tribal communities. We will identify key partners in Duluth, Rochester, and St. Cloud to better understand what racial healing programming is needed in geographically and ethnically specific areas throughout the state of Minnesota.

We will activate our Twin Cities Theatre of Color Coalition (TCTOCC) partners to imagine engagement around the representation of our communities at the Center.

At the end of this process, we will have a roadmap to launch the Center for Racial Healing, with a clear understanding of community needs, space requirements, essential partners, and key resources to realize racial healing for Minnesotans.

“AS AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS BEEN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, THE PENUMBRA CENTER FOR RACIAL HEALING WILL BE A BEACON FOR ALL OF US AS WE MOVE THROUGH THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.”

—MAYOR CARTER

KEY ACTIVITIES

Scope needs for current building occupants; discover mission/vision impact alignment

TIMELINE

Apr - Jun 2022
(3 months)

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Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with building occupants

Costing (Part I: building needs; Part II: site specific requirements based on location)

Apr - Jun 2022
(3 months)

Cost options for building and campus

Conduct community listening sessions that focus on Rondo neighborhood, Twin Cities Metro Area, greater Minnesota, and tribal communities

Jun - Aug 2022
(3 months)

Report

Launch feasibility study and campaign implementation for capital, program, and administrative expenses

Jun 2022 - May 2023
(12 months)

Capital campaign goal, strategy, case for investment; lead investors secured

Disseminate essential partner RFP

Sep 2022 (1 month)

Racial healing network established

Lead discovery summits with essential partners in climate change, criminal justice, education, health equity

Oct 2022 - Sep 2023
(12 months)

Change goals mapped; learnings published

Develop holistic building design to activate racial healing mission

Oct 2022 - Mar 2023
(6 months)

Architectural and grounds design

Facilitate community sharing session

May 2023 (1 month)

Presentation