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TIF ASSISTANCE APPROVED FOR ENGLEWOOD RETAIL PROJECT

A vacant, two-story building in Englewood will be rehabilitated for retail uses through \$5 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance approved by City Council today.

The \$7.1 million project by E.G. Woode will renovate the 113-year-old building at 1022 W. 63rd St., creating a trio of 1,400-square-foot restaurant spaces on the ground floor and a pair of 1,800-square-foot offices upstairs.

Vacant for approximately five years, the building's exterior will be improved with accent lighting, fiber cement panels, and an outdoor event space. The project is expected to create up to 30 full-time jobs.

TIF is a financial tool that uses incremental property tax growth within designated districts to help support local improvement projects.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND GRANT WILL SUPPORT SOUTH SHORE
ARTS INCUBATOR**

A former private school in South Shore will be repurposed into a \$9.3 million arts incubator through a Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF) grant approved by City Council today.

The \$2.5 million grant will be used by the Rebuild Foundation to rehabilitate the long-vacant St. Laurence School for artist studios that accommodate painting, drawing, woodworking, music, and other artistic endeavors that include public workshops.

Located at 1353 E. 72nd St., the three-story, 44,500-square-foot building was erected in the early 1900s by the Archdiocese of Chicago for St. Laurence parish,



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which closed in 2002. Later purchased by a supportive living developer for a project that did not move forward, the building was sold to the Rebuild Foundation in 2014, the same year the nearby St. Laurence church and parish hall were demolished.

The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund allocates fees paid by downtown construction projects to support neighborhood investment on the South, Southwest and West sides. Grant amounts exceeding \$250,000 require City Council approval.

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LANDMARK STATUS APPROVED FOR FORMER EAST GARFIELD PARK SHELTER

A former women and children's shelter in East Garfield Park was designated an official Chicago landmark by City Council today.

The property at 2678 W. Washington Blvd. includes a three-story, Queen Anne-style mansion designed by architect William Longhurst and completed in approximately 1880 and a one-story dormitory from 1923 designed by Holabird & Roche.

Four organizations used the complex to provide social services to unwed mothers and children and other vulnerable Chicagoans during much of the previous century, including the Chicago Home for Convalescent Women and Children, the Florence Crittenton Anchorage, the Volunteers of America Living Center for Girls, and Inner Voice Inc.

The landmark designation protects all exterior elevations, including rooflines, of the main house and dormitory from alteration or demolition. A bronze lawn sculpture created in 2011 by Academy of Art University students and named "Passage" is also protected.

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