



CAMBA Awarded More Than \$2 Million in Congressionally Directed Spending

Capital Improvements will be made to CAMBA's Winthrop Street Buildings

CAMBA, Inc. has been awarded \$2,006,000 for capital improvements to their Winthrop Street locations through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2022. CAMBA will utilize this federal grant to make improvements to buildings that are critical to serving its vulnerable, low-income client population. The funding allocation was added to the spending bill at the request of Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

“From preventing evictions, to supporting small businesses, to preventing violence through education and outreach, CAMBA is one of the most impactful organizations working on the ground in New York and I’m so proud to support their efforts,” said **U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer**. “With this funding, I hope that CAMBA can help thousands more vulnerable New Yorkers every year stay in their homes or access transitional housing from their Winthrop Street location. It’s time for the quality of CAMBA’s facilities to match the quality of their services!”

Schumer continued: “I will do everything in my power as Majority Leader to continue bringing record federal funding to New York to help tackle housing insecurity, which is a problem facing far too many families. With the help of great organizations like CAMBA, we can make sure every New Yorker has a roof over their heads.”

“CAMBA provides New Yorkers in need with a wide array of critical social services,” said **Senator Gillibrand**. “I’m proud to have worked to secure this funding so that CAMBA can continue to connect New Yorkers with affordable housing, health care, and case management services. I congratulate CAMBA on this award and I’ll keep working to get federal resources to our communities that need it most.”

Joanne M. Oplustil, President and CEO of CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures said, “This funding was made possible thanks to Senator Schumer’s and Senator Gillibrand’s tireless advocacy. We are incredibly grateful to both New York Senators for being champions of non-profit organizations and vulnerable New Yorkers. CAMBA thanks them for recognizing the critical nature of our grant request and securing this essential funding on our behalf. We look forward to making the necessary improvements to our Winthrop Street locations, where we help up to

5,000 very low-income New Yorkers access supportive housing or stay in their homes every year.”

CAMBA’s Winthrop Street locations including 19, 23, 25 and 27 Winthrop Street in Brooklyn, New York 11225 were constructed in 1928 and will benefit greatly from repairs and upgrades, including: electrical work, exterior/facade work, roofing, restrooms, heating, chimney, and security systems. The repairs are imperative to ensure CAMBA’s staff, clients, and the vulnerable New York City constituents it serves continue to thrive.

CAMBA operates or administers 27 direct human service programs at these locations, using a combination of funding streams from New York State and New York City. Together, these programs serve more than 5,000 vulnerable New Yorkers each year that are very low-income, disadvantaged, and diverse. Many are living with symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS, have a serious mental illness, or a substance use disorder. Others are challenged by a variety of chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and obesity. The vast majority of CAMBA’s clients are disproportionately underserved, low-income people of color. The Winthrop Street programs are critical in helping vulnerable New Yorkers improve their quality of life through services ranging from eviction prevention, to access to short-term transitional housing for the homeless, to operating on-site supportive services in affordable housing developments.

About CAMBA Inc.

Founded in 1977, CAMBA, Inc. is one of New York City’s largest community-based social services organizations. CAMBA annually provides services to more than 65,000 individuals and families in six core areas: Economic Development; Education and Youth Development; Family Support; Health, Housing and Legal Services. CAMBA clients are those who are: moving from welfare to work; individuals and families experiencing, at risk of or transitioning out of homelessness; individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS; immigrants and refugees; children and young adults; entrepreneurs; and others struggling to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. CAMBA provides 170 life-changing services at over 90 locations across New York City.