



CAMBA Awarded More Than \$3.5 Million for Church Avenue Building and Career, Job Placement, and Youth Services

Funding Included in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Spending Bill

The fiscal year 2023 omnibus spending bill recently signed into law by President Joe Biden includes more than \$3.5 million for CAMBA, Inc. With public and private support, CAMBA's mission is to build an inclusive New York City where all people can attain — and maintain — economic stability, educational fulfillment, and healthy lives to realize their full potential. The funding was secured through the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), and Representative Yvette Clarke (D-N.Y.).

“We’re grateful to Sen. Schumer and Reps. Jeffries and Clarke for their steadfast support,” **said CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures President and CEO Joanne M. Oplustil.** “We share a mission to serve New Yorkers by fighting to fund programs that help residents develop the skills they need to find a good job, expand educational opportunities for Brooklyn youth, and improve access to affordable housing and health care. This funding will help CAMBA continue to build a foundation for economic stability, educational fulfillment, and strong families in Brooklyn.”

CAMBA was awarded \$3 million for capital improvements to its Church Avenue headquarters and \$590,000 for its career navigation, job placement, and youth supportive service programs.

“From improving access to affordable housing, to supporting youth development, and 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, CAMBA will continue its vital work helping vulnerable New Yorkers develop workforce skills, navigate finding a job, and supporting youth through educational opportunities. I won’t stop fighting for the federal funding to help New York’s great organizations like CAMBA enhance the wellbeing of all New Yorkers.”

CAMBA’s Church Avenue location serves as the nonprofit’s headquarters and is in need of significant upgrades to ensure CAMBA staff can continue to serve vulnerable Brooklyn residents. Staff working at headquarters ensure the success of CAMBA’s more than 170 programs across six program areas in New York City’s five boroughs. Together, these programs serve more than 70,000 people annually. The majority of CAMBA’s clients are disproportionately underserved, low-income people of color. Many are living, working, and raising families while battling significant economic and health challenges.

“I was proud to work with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Representative Clarke to help secure over \$3.5 million in community project funding for CAMBA, Inc.,” **said Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.** “The money I requested for this transformational organization will bring a suite of career navigation opportunities to East New York. We will continue to work hard to make life better for everyday New Yorkers back home in Brooklyn.”

CAMBA's economic development and education/youth services programs provide residents with the tools they need to complete their education, obtain jobs, and stay employed. CAMBA has established partnerships across most business sectors, with a particular focus on programs leading to licenses, certifications, and career placements in New York's growing construction, utilities, customer service, and security sectors. CAMBA also offers a range of programs that help youth find a summer job or internship, explore colleges or careers, learn English, or earn a high school diploma.

"We are all aware that, for decades, CAMBA has persisted as a benevolent force for good within Flatbush and our larger Brooklyn family. Fighting for this project funding was both my priority and privilege, and I am beyond eager to see what untold heights this critical organization can reach while supported by the resources they need to succeed. Knowing the committed, passionate individuals comprising CAMBA, I am certain exceptional work is on their horizons," **said Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke.**

CAMBA began in 1977 as a small merchant association in Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood, working on crime reduction, neighborhood beautification, and city service improvements. Soon, it began serving Brooklyn's large immigrant and refugee population, helping these new Americans to integrate into the community by learning English, securing jobs, and contributing to the local economy. Over the last 46 years, CAMBA has continued to grow and today it is Brooklyn's largest nonprofit employer.

CAMBA's work evolves with changing community needs. The organization develops innovative programs by listening to residents and then tailoring services or developing new programs based on what they need to enhance their quality of life. Listening to clients and communities is what separates CAMBA from other organizations and drives it to continually find solutions that make a difference.

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 70,000 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.

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