

## NANAY GETS BUILDING GRANT

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In August 2007, NANAY was recommended and approved for \$486,640 total funding from the Miami-Dade County Building Better Communities General Obligations Bond (GOB) Program to renovate and expand its two story Community Center building in North Miami.

The first floor will be renovated to incorporate a Computer Clubhouse that will serve as a common resource and learning center for elders and an after-school Empowerment Center, for youth. Part of the first floor will also be used as a one-stop NANAY Housing Resource Center, where financial literacy programs, job and homeownership counseling as well as other housing-related projects will be provided to low-income families. The building walls will be repainted, carpets will be replaced, and an elevator will be installed adjacent to the social hall so frail elders and disabled individuals can more conveniently and safely access services and activities on the second floor.

“The proposed renovation will enable NANAY to create a wholesome, easy-access facility, and allow us to respond more effectively to the increasing needs of elders, youth and community”, says Dr. Joy Bruce, NANAY’s Founding President and CEO.



The Miami-Dade Building Better Communities funding will be used for architectural design, engineering, and construction expenses, administration costs directly related to the project, construction of elevator and ADA-compliant restrooms, HVAC system, plumbing, and electrical wiring upgrades -- replacing the old systems to comply with ADA general safety or fire safety requirements. The restrooms will be renovated and upgraded to become ADA compliant.

Improvements on the front façade of the building, facing NE 125 Street are currently being undertaken through funding from the City of North Miami, in line with its community revitalization program.



Development of the architectural plan (conceptual, schematic, design, and construction) is expected to start by November 2007, and building renovation will begin in February 2008.

NANAY also plans to submit a grant for Kresge's Green Building Initiative Planning Program to incorporate green building practices in its projected property design and construction. NANAY intends to eventually submit an application to Kresge Foundation's core Capital Challenge Grant Program to supplement the Miami-Dade County Building Better Communities GOB funding for construction and renovation of the facility, for possible addition of a third floor.

"We need community support to make it happen," adds Dr. Joy Bruce.

The Capital Challenge Grant Program is designed to fund an organization's immediate capital needs, while also providing an incentive and a tool for building capacity, raising private support, and creating long-term relationships with donors and volunteer leaders beyond the building project.

A Capital and Endowment Campaign will soon be launched, with donor incentives for those interested in leaving a legacy for themselves and their families.

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