

Cascadia Raising Funds to Expand Garlington Center

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The Garlington Center on NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard looks like a small strip mall that belongs to another era.

The row of social service agencies has warm yellow walls and a Spanish brick rooftop -- a look that is out of place on the rapidly developing street.

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, which owns and operates the Garlington Center,

has reached a fundraising milestone to redevelop the outlet into a fully integrated wellness center and affordable housing complex.

On July 17, the Oregon State Housing Council awarded the center a project grant through Oregon Housing and Community Services. The grant would fund a large portion of the affordable housing units and enable Cascadia to start a capital funding campaign for the rest of the building.

Samantha Ridderbusch, the director of public affairs at Cascadia, said the award is the milestone that will help the rest of the

project move forward. She said the redeveloped building will be able to better serve the community by serving the whole health of a person.

The Garlington Center is an outpatient mental health and addictions treatment center that provides a range of social services to people with behavioral health issues. The center is named after Reverend Dr. John W. Garlington Jr., who was a leader of the Maranatha Church in Portland during the 1970s and 1980s. Garlington was a humanitarian and activist who advocated for disen-

franchised people.

Some of the programs offered through the center are addiction services, housing outreach, adult outpatient mental health services, employment and educational support. Cascadia also runs their Healing Hurt People program through Garlington, which serves young Black men who have experienced trauma from gang violence.

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