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Renton Regional Community Foundation and First Financial Northwest Foundation Support Future Sunset Multi-Service Center with \$20,000 Grant

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First Financial Northwest Foundation, via their Community Fund held with the Renton Regional Community Foundation, has awarded a grant of \$20,000 to Neighborhood House for renovations that will help transform the former Renton Highlands Library into a Multi-Service and Career Development Center. Neighborhood House, a Seattle-based multi-service agency with 112 years of experience serving the community, is leading the capital campaign for the Multi-Service Center on behalf of Renton Region Nonprofit Housing Corporation. They will use the funds for the upcoming project aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in the Sunset neighborhood. The team is currently working to raise additional public and private funds for the planned renovations



The former Renton Highlands Library is the future site of the Sunset Multi-Service and Career Development Center.

Slated to open in 2020, the Sunset Multi-Service and Career Development Center will provide social and community services to Sunset Area residents and the broader Highlands community. Planned services include low- or no-cost medical and dental checkups, child and adult education and career development, family counseling, citizenship and ESL classes, and space for community events. Updates to the building will qualify it for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), ensuring that it will be a sustainable asset to the community.

“We are extremely proud to be part of this integrated community project. In partnership with multiple organizations, Neighborhood House will be able to provide a single point service location for a large population of low-income families that do not necessarily have the time and or resources to travel to the individual agencies for assistance,” commented Stephanie Karpiak of First Financial Northwest Foundation.

“Thanks to First Financial Northwest Foundation for their generous support that will help enrich the lives of so many families living in the Sunset area,” said Renton Mayor Denis Law. “The Sunset Multi-Service and Career Development Center will provide much-needed services for our community that will seamlessly align with our other redevelopment efforts.”