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**For Immediate Release:**

**May Dugan Center Receives \$350,000 Allocation in State Capital Bill**

**Cleveland— June 06, 2022** — State lawmakers passed HB 687, the \$3.5 billion biennial state capital bill, which includes \$350,000 to renovate May Dugan Center.

Renovations are part of a \$7 million Capital Campaign to expand Behavioral Health, Food Pantry, Trauma Recovery, Adult Education, Maternal Health, and Senior Services. May Dugan Center has been operating from the same building on the corner of Bridge Ave. and 41<sup>st</sup> Street for nearly 50 years within no major upgrades to the building since it opened its doors in 1975.

Earlier this year May Dugan Center acquired the building from The City of Cleveland, a move that gives the Center ownership benefits. Replacement of the aging systems along with renovation and expansion will allow the Center to provide the best services for clients in an environment that supports ever changing programmatic needs. Upgrades will result in a building that is both energy efficient and accessible for all.

May Dugan Center began operating as a multi-service agency in 1969 as an answer to the call of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty". From the beginning, the founders were committed to providing wrap-around services to people who faced barriers to health care, food, and employment and for over 50 years May Dugan Center has remained committed to that vision.

The May Dugan Center serves over 16,000 annually through six core programs committed to the mission of helping enrich and advance their lives and communities.

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**Statements:**

"I want to thank our state legislators for supporting May Dugan Center through the State Capital Bill. We never closed our doors over the last two years and have more than tripled our food distribution services. Funding will provide us with the ability to make the renovations necessary to continue to meet the needs of our community". **-Rick Kemm, Executive Director, May Dugan Center**

"The \$350,000 allocation from the State Capital Budget comes at an ideal time, as we are trying to finish up fundraising for our building renovation. We are excited and extremely appreciative to have the support of the State of Ohio. Renovating our nearly 50 year old building will enable us to continue to serve our community for many years to come." **-Angela Vannucci, Board President, May Dugan Center**

"I appreciate the opportunity to work with May Dugan to invest state capital funds to improve and renovate their facility in Ohio City which will allow them to serve even more of our most vulnerable citizens in Cuyahoga County." - **Representative Tom Patton**

"May Dugan provides critical services, at no cost to those in need. Their ability to increase the services they provide will have an immediate, positive impact on our community." - **Senator Sandra Williams**

"I **have always been** very supportive of the life changing services provided by May Dugan which are directed at the most vulnerable populations in our community. There is no doubt this funding will help to finish their renovation project, which will in turn, create a more dignified environment for not only those who need help, but also for the incredible employees providing those services" - **State Senator Nickie J. Antonio**

"For over 50 years May Dugan has been the backbone of Cleveland's near west side, supporting those who need a helping hand or sometimes food, or sometimes even a hug. I enthusiastically support their ongoing mission" -**State Representative Bride Sweeney**