

Artspace Jackson Flats

901 18 ½ Ave NE | Minneapolis, MN



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“Just take a look at Artspace. They create spaces — affordable, sustainable spaces — for artists and arts organizations, and in return, those artists and arts organizations put down roots and become an integral part of the community. Art is created, absolutely. But so are jobs, safer streets, sustainable development, and a more cohesive society.”

— Rocco Landesman,
Chair,
National Endowment for the Arts

Family Space in a Thriving Arts Community

Artspace Jackson Flats was conceived by the Northeast Community Development Corporation (CDC) as a 41-unit affordable condominium development for artists. Northeast CDC spent years on market studies, design charrettes and artist interviews, but in 2008 the project stalled when the national real estate market collapsed. Early in 2009, Northeast CDC asked Artspace for help.

In partnership with Northeast CDC, Artspace recast the project as a 35-unit affordable rental housing project with more two- and three-bedroom units designed for artists with families. The \$10 million project will also contain community space that tenants can use for exhibits, performances and other events.

Jackson Flats will be a new four-story, 69,000-square-foot structure on what is now a vacant site at the corner of 18½ Avenue and Jackson Street. The site is one block west of Central Avenue, Northeast Minneapolis’ most important commercial and transit corridor, in a neighborhood with several large non-residential factories and warehouses that have filled up with artist studios and creative businesses over the last two decades. Interestingly, although Artspace has four operating projects in Minneapolis, Jackson Flats will be the organization’s first residential project in its hometown.

**ESTIMATED
PROJECT COST**
\$10 million

TOTAL AREA
69,000 sq. ft.

COMMUNITY SPACE
2,400 sq. ft.

LIVE/WORK UNITS
35

DEVELOPMENT PARTNER
Northeast Community
Development Corporation



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