

## Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network

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### **Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network Announces Jonathan Sage-Martinson as Coordinator**

Saint Paul, Minn. – Envisioned as a 10-year initiative, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network is comprised of local and national foundations dedicated to working with others to unlock the transformative potential of the new Light Rail Transit line along the Central Corridor. This groundbreaking initiative intends to foster the development of stable, healthy, walkable, diverse neighborhoods that support and link all people to regional opportunities, reflect community identities, and benefit both existing residents and those to come.

Together, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network will build a learning network to help make and encourage informed decisions, create a Catalyst Fund to provide flexible and timely support to projects and programs that advance our goals, and form working groups in partnership with others to pursue specific action to address important issues related to community development along the Corridor.

At this time, the Collaborative is pleased to announce Jonathan Sage-Martinson has been named as its coordinator. In this role, Jonathan will provide creative leadership and staff support to identify and implement key activities and programs, as well as work with community-based organizations, local residents, businesses, elected officials, city staff, regional agencies, developers, other key stakeholders and collaborative members. His office is located at the recently completed Wilder Center in the heart of the Central Corridor.

For the past seven years, Jonathan has been executive director of SPARC, a Saint Paul-based nonprofit working to revitalize three distressed urban neighborhoods through business development, housing development and community outreach. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in community and economic development and nonprofit management from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

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