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Funding for Bronzeville project is good news for museum

Statement from Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs May 3, 2016

I am very pleased with the announcement yesterday (Monday, May 2) that the Historic Garfield Redevelopment Phase 1 is one of 28 projects statewide to receive low-income housing tax credits from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA).

Also known as the Griot, the Historic Garfield Redevelopment Phase 1 is planned by the Maures Development Group, and is located in the heart of Bronzeville at N. 4th Street and W. North Avenue. Not only does this WHEDA funding provide the catalytic boost it needs, but it also means new life for America's Black Holocaust Museum, which will be housed on its ground floor.

The museum, founded by the late Dr. James Cameron, lost its physical location at 4th and North in 2008 and has existed online since. It is the keeper of important historical and educational pieces and displays. Thanks to the continued efforts of the Black Holocaust Museum Board, community stakeholders and the City of Milwaukee, we are now a step closer to seeing this community asset reopen in Bronzeville, where it rightfully belongs.

I am also grateful to note that WHEDA's tax credits will benefit other transformative projects in the 6th Aldermanic District, including the Fifth Street School Apartments at 2770 N. 5th St. and CityPlace, at 1728-1734 N. 6th St., 504-518 W. Walnut St., 1715-1749 N. 5th St. and 513-535 W. Vine St.

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