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Teal Street Center Receives \$2.5M Appropriation from FY22 Omnibus Spending Bill

The campaign to build Teal Street Center catapulted forward this week with a \$2.5 million appropriation from the federal FY22 omnibus appropriations bill, which passed the Senate last night and is headed to the President's desk to be signed into law.

The \$2.5M grant to United Human Services of SE Alaska (UHS) is one of the Congressionally Directed Spending items submitted by Sen. Lisa Murkowski. To-date organizers have secured \$7 million to build Teal Street Center.

"This is extraordinary news for the campaign to build a social services hub in Juneau," stated UHS Executive Director Joan O'Keefe. UHS is the nonprofit entity coordinating the fundraising and development of Teal Street Center, which will house nine tenant agencies that serve seniors, youth, low-income households, and persons with physical and mental health disabilities, among others. "Senator Murkowski has been a longtime supporter of opening a multi-tenant nonprofit center in Juneau, and we are grateful for the work that went into securing this funding." Construction for Teal Street Center is underway, and organizers hope to open the doors of the facility by December of this year.

The Teal Street campus is a growing nexus of nonprofit providers focused on collaboration, innovation and sustainability in the delivery of social services. Located on the corner of Teal and Alpine streets in the Mendenhall Valley, it is anchored by The Glory Hall and the future Teal Street Center with St. Vincent de Paul's low-income senior and transitional housing units across the street and Juneau Youth Services and Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida's Head Start program nearby. More information about Teal Street Center's services and tenant agencies can be found at www.tealstreetcenter.org.

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