Bronx housing hub, community center Urban Horizons lands $200,000 grant toward renovation

Nonprofit WHEDco, which has operated the development in the formerly abandoned Morrisania Hospital since 1997, said the grant from the national Nonprofit Finance Fund will pay for a cellar-to-roof analysis of the historic building’s needs.

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Urban Horizons, a community center and affordable housing development in Morrisania, netted a $200,000 grant Thursday to help gauge needs for its ongoing renovation.

A Bronx housing hub sited in an abandoned hospital has landed a $200,000 grant to aid renovation studies, officials announced Thursday.

The cash boost from the national Nonprofit Finance Fund will pay for a cellar-to-roof analysis of repairs the historic building that houses Urban Horizons might need, said Nancy Biberman of WHEDco, the nonprofit that took over the site in 1997.

“This gives us financing to do a lot of important work and preserve a vital anchor for another generation,” Biberman said.

The E. 167th St. development in the former Morrisania Hospital is home to 132 low-income families, youth programs and a commercial kitchen.
WHEDco is seeking a new round of funding after the federal tax credits that kept the massive 10-story complex running expired in 2014.