



# CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
MASSACHUSETTS

Since its inception, the Cambridge Community Center has been a frontline resource that has served generations of children, teens, and families throughout Cambridge for over 90 years. The Center has initiated many neighborhood firsts, including the establishment of the first nursery school and the first varsity basketball games open to African Americans. In subsequent decades, the Center has hosted HeadStart Program classrooms, the Riverside Health Care Facility, and a wide variety of community, political, and social events.



REGIONAL PARTNER:  
CAMBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY CENTER



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## RESILIENCE MODES

No two Resilience Hubs are alike. Each community will have different goals and priorities for all three resilience modes. The degree to which they meet their goals can be described as Baseline, Optional, and Ideal.

Baseline sites meet the minimum criteria for being a Resilience Hub and provide community benefit in all three resilience modes. Optional mode incorporates a range of expanded services and resilience-enhancing retrofits as determined by community members. Ideal Hubs meet ambitious goals that provide community benefits year-round and are fully retrofitted to support all community members.

MODE:



### RESILIENT PROGRAMMING

Offering additional services and programs that build relationships, promote community preparedness, and improve residents' health and well-being.



### RESILIENT COMMUNICATIONS

Ensuring the ability to communicate within and outside the service area year-around and especially during disruptions and throughout recovery.



### RESILIENT BUILDINGS AND LANDSCAPE

Strengthening the resilience of the facility to ensure that it meets operational goals in all conditions.



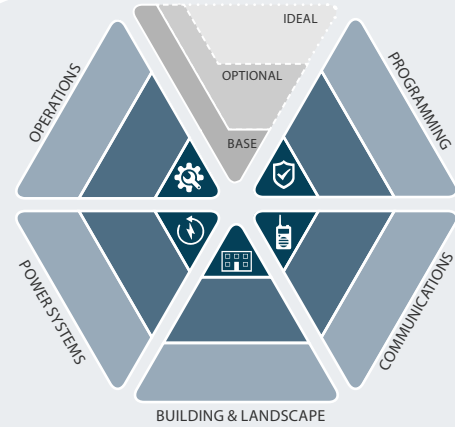
### RESILIENT POWER

Ensuring reliable backup power to the facility during a hazard while also improving the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of operations in all three operating modes.



### RESILIENT OPERATIONS

Ensuring personnel and processes are in place to operate the facility in all three modes.



## EVERYDAY

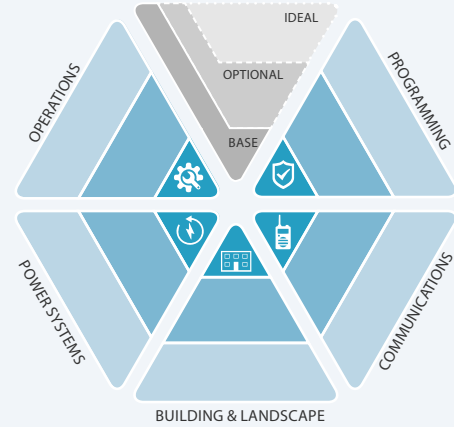
- Youth mental health & career programming
- Workforce re-entering program: job fair, resume support, headshot opportunities
- Caregiving: out of school programming
- Teen Music and Hip Hop Transformation Programming
- Pre-K care

- Proactive community outreach and engagement
- Proactive training for emergency preparedness
- Restaurant fundraiser event
- Community events: sisters of the center, high profile ribbon cutting of the site
- Zoom phone system

- Facilities for sports programming
- Needs weatherproofing and floodproofing and select air conditioning
- Electric commercial-grade kitchen
- Greenhouse
- Needs additional preschool classroom

- Resilience Power Feasibility Assessment
- Rooftop Solar System
- Battery backup system
- Needs comprehensive site electrical overhaul

- Needs capital campaign to renovate elevator and ramps to make accessible
- Full Time Social Worker
- Behavioral health services director
- Local doctor
- Needs translation services



## DISRUPTION

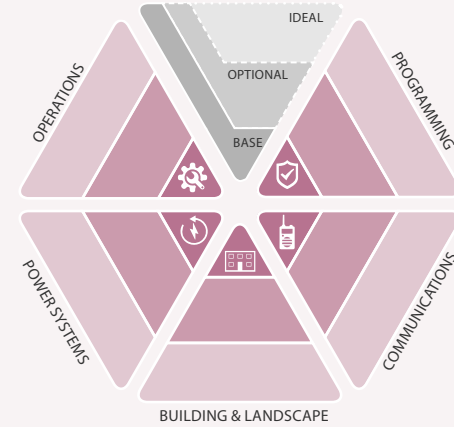
- Food and supply pantry
- Emergency supply provision
- Emergency first aid

- Virtual community engagement
- 16 camera surveillance system
- Needs monitors and speaker system for disruption

- Needs additional refrigeration and freezer space
- Additional supplies for commercial kitchen
- Exterior storage and food distribution upgrade

- Emergency generator for elements not covered by battery
- Funding for battery backup to cover entire site

- Capacity to maintain operations in the event of disruption
- Needs staff training for disruption protocol
- Operational Manual



## RECOVERY

- Mental health programming
- Proactive training to support community members in recovery






- Support with insurance companies and claims
- Connect seniors with younger and able-bodied support for connection & care
- Active outreach to elderly

- Ways to handle waste and recycling more effectively and efficiently
- Gathering space for resources and repair support
- Storage on-site for recovery materials and support

- Access to charging stations at Hub
- Access to power at Hub if power hasn't returned at home

- Need funding for additional staff to support throughout recovery
- Need funding for increased site maintenance support

# NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

	OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING	OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION	OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING
<b>PROGRAMMING</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for programmatic expansion and ongoing program operating needs</li> <li>• Health and mental health services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial grade kitchen</li> <li>• Additional pre-K classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate preparedness training lead</li> <li>• Capacity to support expansion of services and programs</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for proactive community outreach</li> <li>• Funding for emergency communication equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting communication infrastructure, namely monitors and speaker system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site activation training</li> </ul>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; LANDSCAPE</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schoolhouse and gym renovations</li> <li>• Electric commercial-grade kitchen</li> <li>• New building additions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schoolhouse and gym renovations,</li> <li>• Weatherization</li> <li>• Commercial kitchen</li> <li>• Elevator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase and improve storage</li> <li>• Training for landscaping</li> <li>• Training for building maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>POWER</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for site electrical overhaul</li> <li>• Funding for solar + storage implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battery installation</li> <li>• Solar installation</li> <li>• Other renewable energy sources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for local community members on solar</li> <li>• Training for community members on battery installation</li> </ul>
<b>OPERATIONS</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for accessibility</li> <li>• Funding for ongoing operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Funding for staff in all modes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site accessibility for all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity and partnerships to support hub in all operational modes</li> </ul>

## CURRENT PARTNERS

- USDN
- City of Cambridge
- Amelia Peabody Fund
- American Microgrid Solutions
- Barr Foundation
- The Boston Foundation
- Cambridge Community Foundation
- Cambridge Savings Bank
- Capital One
- Chan Mock Architects
- Clean Energy Group
- Climable
- East Cambridge Savings Bank
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

