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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

BLAIR-CALDWELL AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library serves the Five Points Denver neighborhood as a cultural and historical center for African Americans in the Rocky Mountain West. Critical building components and architectural features are aging with noticeable wear and tear. Space for events, exhibits and community gatherings are inadequate. Due to security issues, state-of-the-art surveillance must be continually enhanced. The book return location creates safety issues for customers and visitors. Environmentally-stable and secure conditions are needed for archival materials. The service area population has grown by 9.3 percent in the past decade and is expected to grow another 6 percent in the next five years.

This project will renovate landscaping, sidewalks and parking lots; improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning; replace rooftop HVAC units; move book return to interior space; update fire alarm codes, surveillance, access control, electrical, lighting, power and communication systems; update restrooms, conference and community rooms; refresh children’s area; improve staff room efficiency and lighting; explore new arrangements for shelving and computer/mobile device access; provide interior finishes including paint, carpet, tile, ceilings, furniture and fixtures; comply with ADA requirements; provide new signs; and update information technology, data and telecommunications.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 2401 Welton St.
 District: 9
 Neighborhood: Five Points
 Elevate Denver Funded Amount: \$ 2.9 million
 Designers: Handprint
 Contractors: To be determined

PROJECT BENEFITS

Renovated library
 Updated equipment and technology
 Improved landscaping, sidewalk and parking lot



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