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New Bridge Receives Capital Budget Funding

Numerous projects throughout Ohio will receive funding as a result of the legislature passing House Bill 687. New Bridge is one of those projects.

Cleveland, OH June 2022 — On June 1, 2022, state lawmakers passed HB 687, the \$3.5 billion biennial state capital bill, which includes \$325,000 to expand and transform the main campus of New Bridge Cleveland's Center for Arts and Technology located along Cleveland's Health Corridor.

Since 2010, New Bridge Center for Arts & Technology (New Bridge) has operated as a trauma informed SEL learning center assisting our students to identify and pursue educational and career pathways that lead to fulfilled lives and a sense of purpose. These explorations and journeys lead to personal wellbeing, health equity and family sustaining wages. With the HB 687 funding of \$325,000, New Bridge is now able to expand services.

State Senator Sandra Williams said, "I am very supportive of the life changing services provided by New Bridge Cleveland which are directed at the most vulnerable populations in our community."

Representative Tom Patton comments, "I appreciate the opportunity to work with New Bridge Cleveland to invest state capital funding to expand their physical footprint which will allow them to serve more students and place their graduates into frontline healthcare positions, with high-paying incomes, at greater Cleveland hospitals."

Representative Terrence Upchurch adds, "New Bridge Cleveland provides transformational opportunities at no-cost to their students and adult-learners. Their ability to increase those services will have an immediate impact in the lives of their graduates and on our health care community in Greater Cleveland."

"The opportunity to expand programming and further help our students train and become employed with our hospital partners represents a new day for our organization. New Bridge is committed to the health of our community, our students and their families. Providing training

at no cost is about creating economic and health equity in our community." concludes Bethany Friedlander, President & CEO

You can learn more about New Bridge at their website, www.NewBridgeCleveland.org

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