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Meyer Memorial Trust and Collins Foundation Collectively Invest \$240,000 with Community Action Agency.

Community Action Agency has begun the first major renovation project of their administration building on Center Street since they purchased the facility from the Doctors' Clinic in 1999.

This \$1 million remodeling project has been boosted recently by a \$150,000 Meyer Memorial Trust and a \$90,000 Collins Foundation grant awards.

"These foundation supports will go a long way in improving our facility. There are significant structural issues, electrical and energy efficiency improvements, and ADA code requirements that will be addressed and make this tired building feel new again." deputy director Cyndi Astley said.

The agency signed with local architectural firm Lenity Group LLC for the design and local contractor Rich Duncan Construction Inc. for the build. Community Action instructed Duncan so use local sub-contractors for needed work to be done.

"We're about eliminating poverty in Marion and Polk counties and it was important to us to use local companies," Teresa Cox, Executive Director said. "so we can support local employment and our economy."

The building remodel should be completed in late February. Currently the agency is temporarily housed on the second-floor of the Umpqua Bank building located at 245 Commercial St. S in downtown Salem.

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