



## **Transformational Jackson YMCA Facility in Clear View**

*\$5 Million Reduction in Construction Cost Achieved*

**Jackson, Mich.**, September 18, 2023 —With Fall coming soon, the Jackson YMCA sees a positive change on the horizon with anticipated construction for a new transformational facility to better serve the greater Jackson community.

Contractors for the Y – Granger Construction, and GRO (an architectural company) spent this summer streamlining the building project to align with its \$25 million budget. This substantial effort resulted in \$5 million in savings, while still retaining important member benefits.

This work included updating original design concepts, such as strengthening and standardizing new roof work, reconsidering electrical service upgrades to the facility, and targeting high value structural improvements to right size the project scope with the budget. The latest concept will also allow the Y to retain and enhance both current gyms.

Granger Construction is reinforcing their trade contractor outreach to support bidding with an upcoming bid information flyer that can be found separately from this publication. Bid documents are anticipated to be available via Building Connected in October. For more information, contact Granger.

“Our valued members, contributors and community leaders are eager to know exactly when construction will start. With this finalization of the construction budget, that date is drawing closer,” said Shawna Tello, Jackson YMCA President. “We appreciate everyone’s patience as we work to achieve a transformational Y that our community can afford.”

The YMCA’s successful capital campaign supports reimagined use of its current, large facility, with the vision of a healthy living campus in the heart of downtown Jackson. The YMCA, recently celebrated its 127th year of service in Jackson, raised more than \$25 million in pledges and contributions, the largest amount for a Y in

Michigan's history. Donations to the Y's capital campaign are still appreciated. For more information, visit [www.JacksonYMCA.org](http://www.JacksonYMCA.org) or contact Shawna Tello.

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**About the Jackson YMCA:** Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals of all walks of life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization: The YMCA of the USA. Visit [www.JacksonYMCA.org](http://www.JacksonYMCA.org)

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