

# COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

## COMMUNITY COMPARISONS: HARVARD

September 2023

After multiple attempts over the past decade to create a new larger senior center, the Harvard COA came up with an alternative option, and purchased and renovated an existing 5,400 gsf building to create a new senior center. The new renovation includes multipurpose rooms with enough space for exercise classes and large events, and dining space for 90 people. The building has COA administrative offices, a medical office, a computer/game room, several storage rooms, two accessible multi-person bathrooms, a warming kitchen, and an outdoor terrace. Facility costs for property acquisition and renovation were \$2.86 M in 2021, and furniture and appliances were funded by donations from Friends of the Council on Aging.



*Status:* Opened June 2023, renovation of existing building (built ~1995 as a medical office building)

- *Two multipurpose rooms:* for exercise and other classes (~1,200 sf, ~680 sf), large events and dining for up to 90 people (60 and 30 people)
- *Computer and game room:* Bridge, board games, computer use (213 sf)
- *Administration offices:* COA Director (171 sf), Assistant Director (86 sf), 3 Staff offices (86 sf each), medical/veterans office (86 sf)
- *Warming kitchen:* (276 sf)
- *Medical and other storage:* (~75 sf, ~40 sf), *Table/chair storage:* (~175 sf)
- *Lobby/Reception:* (~ 200 sf), *Patio:* (~500 sf)

(Note: Harvard's Parks and Recreation Department is located at the Town Hall.)