



Short-term Leasing Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC)



History of IFCC

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) is a community-based arts center located in North Portland at 5340 N Interstate Avenue. It was founded in 1982 by Portland's first African-American Commissioner and Parks' Director, Charles Jordan. IFCC has served as the cultural home for the African American community in N/NE since its founding. The renovated structure consists of a 99-seat theater, rehearsal studio, and gallery/multi-purpose room. The building was originally constructed in 1910 and was in use as a fire station until 1959.

The Center was managed by the nonprofit organization IFCC, Inc. until May 2010; and then by Ethos, Inc. until 2014. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) owns and manages the building, which is currently unoccupied and unfunded.

Current State

A [Community Advisory Committee](#) has been appointed to develop a sustainable plan to re-envision and re-activate IFCC as a center for arts and culture, with the goals to:

- Respect and honor IFCC's history and roots in the African American community
- Uphold IFCC's original mission to explore, preserve and celebrate Portland's diversity
- Advance the [City of Portland's commitment to racial equity](#)

As the Committee develops a thoughtful, long-term plan for IFCC, PP&R recognizes there is an immediate and urgent need for creative space in Portland at present.

In February 2018, the City adopted "[A Plan for Preserving and Expanding Affordable Arts Space in Portland.](#)" PP&R is committed to fulfilling on the Plan by supporting the IFCC Community Advisory Committee to "develop a strategy for culturally-specific creative spaces" (Recommendation XVIII) and by "providing short-term affordable leases for interim uses ahead of future development" (Recommendation XVII).

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Short-term Leasing of IFCC

Through the end of 2020, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is making the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) available to arts organizations for short-term leasing (3-8 weeks). Interest in 1-2 week terms may be considered with 3-8 week commitments given higher priority. To qualify for leasing, your organization must demonstrate strong alignment with IFCC's stated goals.

IFCC does not currently have dedicated funding or staff. A short-term leasing model enables us to make the building available while working within resource constraints.

Basic Leasing Terms

(Comprehensive leasing agreement will be issued to tenants.)

Scope

- Leasing will be available for single-tenant occupancy, with a minimum leasing period of 3 weeks and maximum of 8 weeks.
- Tenants will have full access to the theatre (capacity 99), rehearsal/dance studio (capacity 20), gallery/multi-purpose room (capacity 40), and two small offices.

Staffing

- PP&R/City staff or representatives will not be on the premises during leasing period.
- A designated PP&R staff person will be on-call to address facility issues and emergencies.
- Tenant must provide their own technical support staff for all events and productions.

Costs

- Rental rate is \$1300 per week and prorated for additional days.
- The building will not be supervised by City staff. Tenant will take full responsibility of the building and must provide proof of liability insurance coverage up to \$2,000,000.
- 50% of full rent payment and a \$500 security deposit are due upon signing of lease. The remaining 50% rent payment is due on the first day of occupancy.

ADA Accessibility

IFCC is fully wheelchair accessible.

Amenities

- The building is being leased as-is.
- Included in rental fee: Wi-Fi, utilities (water, electricity, gas, garbage), janitorial service (once per week), alarm/security system
- Not included: phone

Available Dates

Check for availability. Contact information is below.

To Apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, please answer the following questions and submit by email to: Soo Pak at soo.pak@portlandoregon.gov with the subject line "IFCC Short-term Leasing."

You must answer all questions below to be considered.

- 1) What is the name of your arts organization?
- 2) Who will serve as your organization's primary point of contact? Please provide email and phone number.
- 3) What is your organization's stated mission?
- 4) Please describe the communities you serve? Provide any available demographic information.
- 5) Please describe how your organization demonstrates strong alignment with the goals established for IFCC. Please be specific and speak to the work your organization produces or presents, education programs, outreach efforts, partnerships, etc.

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- 6) Which 3-8 week block(s) of time are you interested in leasing IFCC? Are your dates fixed or flexible?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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