

Elder Street Artist Lofts

1101 Elder Street | Houston, TX 77007 | Opened 2005



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New Life for an Historic Site

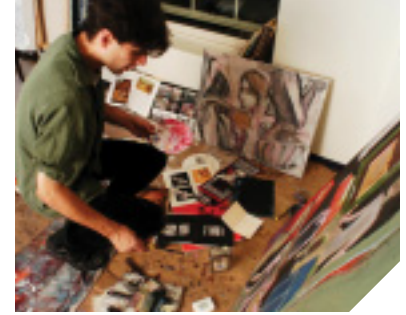
No Artspace project sits on land with greater historical interest than the Elder Street Artist Lofts. A municipal cemetery was established on the site in the 1840s, and over the next few decades thousands of people were buried here. The cemetery was not maintained, however, and in the early 1920s the Houston City Council decided to build a new municipal hospital on the site.

Completed in 1924 and long known as the Jefferson Davis Hospital, the building is a handsome red brick structure in the Classical Revival style. Houston's rapid growth soon rendered it inadequate, and in 1938 a new hospital replaced it. Over the years, the building housed a variety of tenants, but it stood vacant for two decades before Artspace entered the picture.

Completed in 2005, this \$6.3 million project houses 34 live/work units, many of which offer spectacular views of the downtown skyline. The building's original terrazzo floors, high ceilings and large window openings all were retained. One feature of the project is a partial "green" roof — the first Artspace project to feature this environmentally sustainable amenity.

"I am a true believer in the Artspace mission. My years [in an] Artspace loft provided me tools and experience to grow in ways that would not have been available otherwise. Thank you Artspace, keep up the great work, you're a game changer!"

— Lukia M. Costello, Artist



DEVELOPMENT COST

\$6.3 million

TOTAL AREA

39,000 sq. ft.

LIVE/WORK UNITS

34

ARCHITECT

W.O. Neuhaus & Associates

DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

Avenue Community Development Corporation

FINANCING

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