The Michigan Bell and Western Electric Warehouse deteriorated for years, its recognizable Yellow Pages sign visible to drivers along the Lodge freeway in Detroit. In 2012 the Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) completed a historic rehabilitation of the building that transformed it into space that provides 155 housing units and supportive services for formerly homeless individuals. In addition, NSO’s partnership with the FOCUS: Hope organization provides job training nearby.

The Neighborhood Services Organization used Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits in addition to federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits and HOME/Community Development Block Grant funds.

The project represents a $50 million investment in the city of Detroit. The Bell Building rehabilitation, along with two new affordable housing developments across the street, has enlivened the surrounding neighborhood and revitalized one of Detroit’s most familiar buildings.