

Organization	Med City Makerspace
What it is	A community makerspace in development: a shared workshop offering tools, training, workspace, classes, and community for makers, artists, hobbyists, students, and entrepreneurs.
Location	Rochester, Minnesota
Founded	February 2026
Legal status	IRS-approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit; donations are tax-deductible. EIN 42-1900006. (IRS exemption effective April 14, 2026.)
Co-founders and board	Jimena Jiménez, David Razidlo, Emilio Rodríguez
Mission	"This will be a space for makers, built by makers. Anyone who creates is a maker. By connecting people so they can mentor, repair, teach, and make together, we strengthen the community around us."
Approach	Community and education first; start small and grow as demand and funding allow; partner with existing organizations rather than compete.
Timeline	2026: build the maker community through events and workshops. 2027: open a first physical space after reaching 75 founding members (people who commit to a monthly or yearly membership before the space opens).
Planned first space	A modest starter space. Likely first areas: woodshop, electronics lab, 3D printing area, and a fiber and creative arts studio.
Community interest	Interest survey, 85 responses (Mar. 30 to Oct. 4, 2026). 69 of 85 (81%) said yes to becoming a member of a small starter space focused on community, classes, and training; 76 of 85 (89%) said yes to joining a fully equipped makerspace.
Reach	Over 100 newsletter subscribers and 475 Instagram followers; 20 to 30 active people at monthly planning sessions (as of September 2026).
Activities to date	Maker Meetups; monthly volunteer and planning meetings; tabling at Thursdays Downtown, The Artery, and Castle Con; button making; a linocut workshop with Griot Arts (Sept. 26, 2026); visits to Twin Cities Maker and Leonardo's Basement to learn from established spaces.
Upcoming	Electronics workshop with Threshold Arts (October 2026); 3D printing and cross-stitch trinket-box workshop with Morph Creative Reuse (December 2026).
Local partners and collaborators	Threshold Arts, Griot Arts, Morph Creative Reuse
Fundraising	Planning a crowdfunding campaign with a \$30,000 goal.
Website	https://medcitymakerspace.com
Email	info@medcitymakerspace.com
Social	Instagram @medcitymakerspace; Facebook: Med City Makerspace; Discord community