

FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience

May 2023



Milton Young Towers Upgrades are Nearing Completion

Residents and community members of downtown Minot landmark, Milton Young Towers, will soon be able to enjoy a transformed building, thanks to the National Disaster Resilience (NDR) funds. The facility has been providing safe and accessible housing options for low- and moderate-income households since 1972, and the much-needed repairs and resilience improvements over the last two years have been a long time coming.

The upgrades include updates to mechanical systems, fire safety, power backup systems, waste stack replacement, and the installation of high-efficiency plumbing and lighting. In addition, the number of two-bedroom units has increased from 5 to 29, and individual apartments have received fresh paint, upgraded bathrooms, and new flooring, giving them a more modern look and feel.

The Minot Housing Authority (MHA) team that manages Milton Young Towers is pleased to report that the process has been smooth overall. Kerry Candrian, Capital Funds Coordinator at the MHA, expressed his gratitude for the NDR grants, saying, "Overall, the renovation has been smooth, there were

some challenges in the beginning, but our initial planning has guided us along and we really have our processes down. The overall completed changes have made it an incredibly rewarding experience."

Rodney Eshenko, a four-year resident of Milton Young, shared that the move-in and move-out process was well-planned out, and those phases made it easy for everyone to keep living and only be mildly interrupted by the changes. Tiffany Gunville, Milton Young Towers Service Coordinator, has been an instrumental part of ensuring residents' moves have been handled carefully and appropriately. It is clear that Tiffany genuinely cares about every resident's wellbeing and has made it her mission to make this as easy as possible for residents to work through these changes.

Victoria Alexander, a six-year resident of Milton Young Towers, shared her pleased experience of the updates. Victoria was already thankful for the support and community experience that Milton Young had given her, but now with the new aesthetics, she has a sense of pride over her renovated apartment and the entire building space that she shares with other tenants. She said that Milton Young is a community, and now that it has space and improvements, she can't wait to further those experiences.

Overall, the renovations have had a physical and mental impact on residents, and they can see the change with just a better attitude and the pride they are carrying with the improvements. The movers that helped relocate residents in and out of their apartments were so respectful and deserve recognition for their services; the cooperation

and helpfulness of everyone has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Minot Housing Authority and the staff of Milton Young Towers are dedicated to ensuring the resiliency of the community by providing high-quality housing options. They are excited to see these upgrades come to fruition and look forward to continuing to support residents and the community for years to come. Milton Young Towers plans to commemorate the completion of the project with a 50th Anniversary Celebration, details to come later this summer.



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MINOT CITY HALL

See the new Minot City Hall at the Minot Chamber EDC's last Business After Hours before the Summer!

Thursday May 11th, 2023 | 5:00PM
10 3rd Ave SW

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 222 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 131 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- Overall, the City has demolished 163 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- Milton Young Towers (MYT) renovations continue to move forward, but there was a materials inventory issue for phase 5. Materials are in stock and phase 5 will be completed in May, which will add an additional 26 units to the 160 apartments already rehabilitated. Phase 6, which is the last phase is about halfway completed.
- After clearing their outstanding compliance issues, final payment was distributed to Essential Living for the Park South II project.
- Construction is underway at Project BEE's Broadway Circle location; currently, construction efforts are focused on the interior remodel of the existing commercial building, which will serve multiple purposes. Construction will begin on the 17-unit affordable housing complex in May.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Construction is underway on the Family Homeless Shelter; current efforts are focused on the remodel of the commercial building to accommodate the community kitchen and food pantry. Work is progressing as anticipated. Construction will begin on the six-unit shelter building in May.

City Hall

- City of Minot employees began moving into the new City Hall location in late April. The contractor is completing punch list items on the new location.

Center for Technical Education

- Construction continues on the CTE; electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work are underway.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions / Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$21,085,967
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,069,721

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$27,466,685
- b. Spent to Date - \$23,996,487

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,296,429
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,179,365

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,364,198
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,608,027

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$213,571

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,211,861

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,505,222

Completed Projects

- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Park South Renovations