

FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience



Broadway Circle Buzzing through Winter

In 2021, Project BEE was awarded the funds to build the long-awaited family shelter at Broadway Circle, a new resource hub to meet Minot's family shelter needs. Broadway Circle will include a six-unit, pet-friendly family shelter, a 17-unit affordable housing complex, functional space for the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, the Welcome Table Soup Kitchen, and commercial space.

In December of 2022, construction began on the preexisting structure; during the past few months, Mattson Construction and its subcontractors have focused on Building A, where the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry will be located. The Lord's Cupboard is the largest food-insecurity-focused nonprofit in Ward County. These winter months have allowed for much progress, and the remodel is nearing completion. Liz Larsen, Project BEE's Executive Director, says, "We have had an enjoyable experience with our general contractor and subcontractors. It was really pleasing that, despite it being a blind bid process, all our folks are local - they are our

neighbors, contributing to something to help our fellow community members in need. There's something beautiful about that."

As soon as the ground thaws, groundbreaking will commence for Building B, the family shelter, and Building C, the affordable housing complex. The summer will be hectic as they aim to make the most of the short construction season; not only is there the addition of the physical buildings, but Broadway Circle project includes façade improvements for buildings facing Broadway. There will be overall upgrades to the area with parking lot improvements with grading to prevent flooding. There will be upgrades to the transit station for Minot City Bus, providing pleasing curb appeal through the partnerships with 1000 Trees for Minot and the Minot Pollinator Project to include native plants and pollinators integrated into the landscaping. Oishii Ramen, the current tenant in the building, will also have façade improvements as part of the project. "It was important to us that Broadway Circle

be something that doesn't just check off the boxes for minimum required curb appeal, but instead becomes a beautiful, inviting community asset," said Liz.

Additional work on the building includes infrastructure retrofitting to divide the space for the Resource Hub, which faces Broadway; it will have a fresh look and improved facilities to serve the community.

Since 1915, Project BEE has provided equitable anti-poverty services in Western North Dakota. They envision a North Dakota that advocates for dignity and respect through client-centered programs and services. Broadway Circle is integral to that goal. Broadway Circle was awarded \$5.8 million through NDR-CDBG funds in 2021 to create this resource for Minot. Additional funding was necessary to cover all project costs. Project BEE has coordinated the remaining funding needs through a capital campaign. They have met 75% of their campaign goal and invite the community to join the unified efforts of support.



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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 222 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 129 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 in a timely fashion; so far, 160 apartments have been rehabilitated. Demolition activities are underway on the final phases of construction. Phase 5 is to be finished in April and phase 6 is going to be starting soon.
- Construction is complete on Park South II; final payment was approved by Council, but payment will not be distributed until outstanding compliance issues are cleared.
- Project BEE started construction at the Broadway Circle location. Currently, construction efforts are focused on the interior remodel of the existing commercial building, which will serve multiple purposes. As soon as the ground thaws, construction will begin on the 17-unit affordable housing complex.

Family Homeless Shelter

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

City Hall

- Construction is in the final stages at the new City Hall location; a punch list has been developed and the contractor is working on resolving issues. A walkthrough is slated for mid-April.

Center for Technical Education

- Construction is underway at 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