

FYI on NDR

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Community Development Block Grant: Shaping Minot's Future Together

As many of you recall from our October newsletter article about the Community Development Block Grant award, the City of Minot is set to receive \$331,580 in Entitlement funds for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This significant funding will support vital projects aimed at improving urban living conditions and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. As is required with all CDBG-funded projects, the City of Minot is fulfilling its Citizen Participation obligations, by involving the community in this process, starting with stakeholder and public information meetings.

On May 7, 2024, the City held two stakeholder meetings to discuss and identify key areas of need with representatives from 16 different agencies, all of which provide essential services to Minot residents. The discussions were guided by a pre-meeting questionnaire, which focused on challenges in housing, unmet service needs, services offered to LMI residents, and issues related to Fair Housing choice. Here is a sample of issues identified by the participants:

- Year-round, low-barrier shelters for families, women, and men
- Mental health services
- Childcare services
- Addiction services
- Enhanced transportation options

Housing affordability was a central theme, with discussions on the challenges faced by individuals with lower credit scores or criminal histories, high rental deposits, a shortage of affordable housing developers, and cost burdens on extremely low-income renters struggling with utility issues.

Following the stakeholder meetings, a public information session was held on May 8, 2024, at City Hall and streamed live on Facebook. This session provided an opportunity for Minot residents to voice their opinions and share their insights on housing needs in the community. Residents echoed many of the stakeholders' concerns but also brought additional needs to the forefront, such as:

- Financial counseling services
- Life skills classes
- Nutrition classes and services
- Mental health services
- Assistance for trailer park residents in owning their land
- Planning for the Future: Developing the Consolidated Plan

The valuable information gathered from these meetings will play an important role in shaping Minot's 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan. This comprehensive plan will guide the allocation of CDBG funds, ensuring they address the community's most pressing needs and support impactful projects. Starting on July 1, 2024, the draft Consolidated Plan will be open for public comment for 30 days. The City of Minot encourages all residents to review the plan and provide feedback, helping to refine and improve the proposed strategies and initiatives. This community-driven approach ensures that the CDBG funds will be used effectively to build a stronger, more resilient Minot.

Participation from the community is essential for successful urban development; by participating in the public comment period and attending future meetings, residents play a vital role in shaping the future of Minot. The City is committed to transparency and encourages everyone to get involved, share

their perspectives, and help prioritize the projects that will make the most significant impact.

Together, we can build a brighter future for Minot, ensuring that all residents have access to safe housing, essential services, and opportunities for economic growth. Stay tuned for more updates and ways to participate in the CDBG process. Your voice matters in shaping the resilient and thriving community we all envision.

For more information on the CDBG program and how you can get involved, please visit the [City of Minot's website](#) or contact the Community Development Office.

YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS:

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Currently, the NDR Team is working to acquire the Park View mobile home park, which is needed for the flood project, as well as preparing for a new round of upcoming acquisitions. Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 229 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 138 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.
- The demolition contract for 309 1st Ave NE was awarded in May and is anticipated to be completed in August. Overall, the City has demolished 169 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- The Milton Young Towers (MYT) renovation project is complete. The NDR Team is reviewing files to close out the project.
- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex continues. Roof shingling started in late June; building's transformer was recently installed.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 6-unit Family Homeless Shelter continues. Drywall work is completed; soffit, fascia, and siding activities are underway.

Center for Technical Education:

- Construction is complete at the CTE. Dakota College at Bottineau will hold an open house on July 19.

Total Budget — \$74,793,928

Total Drawdown — \$72,169,516

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/

Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions/

Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total NDR Funds Budgeted - \$21,085,968
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,658

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$27,543,236
- b. Spent to Date - \$26,335,639

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

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

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,535,455
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,532,164

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,461,223

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,526,965

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,798,227

Completed Projects

- Blu on Broadway
- Milton Young Towers
- Park South Phases I & II
- Souris Heights
- Resilient Homebuyer Program
- Center for Technical Education
- City Hall Relocation
- Economic Resilience Strategic Plan
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Benefit Cost Analysis and IMPLAN Economic Model
- Funding and Financing Strategies Plan
- Affordable Housing Neighborhood Master Plan
- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study