

# FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience



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## Building Resilience: A Transformative Legacy for Minot

Since the National Disaster Resilience (NDR) program came to Minot, it has reshaped the city's landscape and the foundation of living and thriving here. Through innovative projects and a steadfast commitment to resilience, NDR has left an indelible mark on Minot—building stronger neighborhoods, enhancing flood protection, supporting vulnerable populations, and fostering a more connected, vibrant community.

### A Safer Future Through Flood Mitigation

Floodwaters once defined life in the Souris River Valley. Today, thanks to NDR's efforts, Minot is reclaiming its safety and security. Over 231 properties have been strategically acquired, clearing the way for vital flood mitigation projects. Where homes once stood in harm's way, resilient infrastructure now stands, protecting citizens' lives and properties. The City's demolition efforts, removing over 170 structures, have turned risk zones into opportunities for protection and renewal.

### The Power of CDBG Funds

The impact of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds cannot be overstated. These funds have been the cornerstone of Minot's transformation, enabling critical investments in flood mitigation, affordable housing, strategic infrastructure, and community development. In 2024, a key milestone was reached when the City successfully directed over \$21 million in CDBG-DR funds to projects that are changing lives.

From rebuilding neighborhoods to creating safe spaces for vulnerable populations, CDBG funds have amplified the City's ability to address immediate needs while planning for long-term resilience. This financial lifeline

has empowered Minot to recover from past disasters and laid the groundwork for a thriving future.

### Affordable Housing That Transforms Lives

Imagine a city where everyone, from young families to seniors, has access to safe, affordable housing. That vision is becoming reality in Minot. Through projects like the Park South developments, Blu on Broadway, and Souris Heights, NDR has delivered affordable housing that isn't just functional—it's life-changing. These developments provide homes for vulnerable populations while fostering dynamic, flourishing neighborhoods.

The Resilient Homebuyer Program also opened doors for families, offering financial assistance to help 76 homebuyers secure their future. This program didn't just help people find houses; it gave them the stability of a home, a cornerstone for a brighter tomorrow.

### Broadway Circle: A Beacon of Hope

One of Minot's most ambitious projects, Broadway Circle, has become a symbol of community care. Combining affordable housing, a family shelter, and essential services like the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, this multi-faceted development exemplifies what resilience truly means. It's not just about bricks and mortar—it's about meeting real needs with innovative solutions. Once the shelter opens, families will find refuge from homelessness, and the broader community will find support. From a vibrant soup kitchen to spaces for low-income housing, Broadway Circle represents the heart of what NDR has brought to Minot: a better way forward.

### Modern Spaces for a Thriving Community

The relocation of Minot's City Hall is more than a new address. It's a declaration of resilience. By moving critical City operations out of the floodplain and into the downtown core, the City has not only enhanced its operational efficiency but also breathed new life into a historic building. This relocation brings the community closer to the services that make Minot a great place to live and work.

Similarly, Milton Young Towers has undergone a stunning transformation. With upgrades to more than 200 apartments, this landmark now offers residents safe, modern, and energy-efficient homes. It's a fitting tribute to a city focused on taking care of its people.

### Education as a Foundation for Growth

The Center for Technical Education is paving the way for Minot's future workforce. With state-of-the-art facilities and new programs in dental hygiene and dental assistance, the center equips students with the skills they need to succeed. This project is more than just a building—it's an investment in Minot's economic resilience.

### A Community Transformed

From the beginning, the NDR program has been about more than just addressing disasters—it's been about building resilience in every sense of the word. Minot has emerged stronger, safer, and more vibrant through its transformative projects. The city is no longer defined by the challenges of the past but by the opportunities of the future. As we reflect on all that has been achieved, one thing is clear: the National Disaster Resilience program has given Minot more than buildings and infrastructure. It has given the community hope, strength, and a vision for a brighter tomorrow.

# 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 conducting appraisals for a new round of acquisitions. Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 231 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 140 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 earlier in 2024, and work was started and completed in the fourth quarter. Overall, the City has demolished 170 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

## Affordable Housing

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex continues; major progress has been made. Externally, siding installation is about 80% complete. For the interior, electrical and plumbing rough-in work was completed on the second floor and work has now transitioned down to the first floor; sheetrock work on the second floor was textured and painting started immediately afterwards. The NDR team conducts compliance reviews of the project on a regular basis.

## Family Homeless Shelter

- The Broadway Circle Family Shelter is in its final stages; substantial completion of construction occurred at the end of December and only punch-list items remain. The NDR team conducts compliance reviews of the project on a regular basis.

## 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**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## Reduce Flood Risk/

## Improve Water Management

### A. Buyouts / Acquisitions/ Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total NDR Funds Budgeted - \$21,086,018
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,707

## Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

### A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$26,850,470
- b. Spent to Date - \$26,357,357

### B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

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

### C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$4,364,482
- b. Spent to Date - \$4,201,029

## Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

### A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,467,345

### B. Relocate City Hall

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

## Planning

- a. Total Budget - \$1,604,796
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,258,275

## Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,932,467

Total Budget - \$74,930,239

Total Drawdown - \$73,000,513