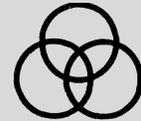


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## NRP issues 2004 Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Request for Proposals

Improving the city's housing stock and providing housing that is affordable to any resident have been and continue to be top NRP and neighborhood priorities. The NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund (AHRF), established in July 2000, is one approach being implemented by the NRP to demonstrate its continuing commitment to providing long-term affordable housing for individuals and families that earn less than half of the Metro Median Income (MMI).

The NRP Policy Board is making \$3.2 million available through a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third and final round of AHRF projects. All of the proposals must be reviewed and sponsored by the NRP neighborhood organization for the area where the proposed project will occur. The review process must include a minimum of one 30-day notice neighborhood-wide general attendance meeting promoted through broad means. The Affordable Housing Reserve Fund RFP materials are now available on the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org).

Applicants should submit six copies of their completed applications (including all requested attachments) to:

**Community Planning and Economic Development**  
**ATTN: Contract Services Department**  
105 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Applications, including those mailed, are **due no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2004.**

Faxed or electronic applications will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted. Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) has the right to reject any and all applications.

Paper copies of all application and guideline materials can also be picked up at CPED: Crown Roller Mill Suite 200, 105 5th Ave. S., Minneapolis MN 55401. Please direct any questions regarding the NRP or the application process to Joe Horan at 612-673-5144.

## NRP-TV to feature Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour and opening of East Phillips Commons

Throughout the month of July, the **Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN)** cable television program will showcase the 2004 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour. Tune in and find out how Brian and Jackie Steele revitalized their 118-year-old Victorian home in Northeast Park with the help of an NRP housing program. The two take viewers on a tour of their home during the 2004 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour. An additional segment on the 30-minute show features the grand opening of the new 32-unit East Phillips Commons housing development. Minneapolis Neighborhood News can be seen on cable in the city of Minneapolis on channel 16 on Sundays at 5 p.m., on channel 17 on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and on channel 14 on Sundays at 4:30 p.m., Mondays at 5:30 p.m., and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.



**Brian and Jackie Steele opened their 1886 Victorian home to visitors during the 2004 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour in May.**

## **NRP workshop to focus on ways to measure neighborhood progress**

The NRP will present a workshop titled "Measuring Your Progress" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13. Presented by Ken Meter of the Crossroads Resource Center, the workshop is geared toward helping people build a long range vision for sustainable communities as well as to develop ways to use that vision to inform and evaluate Neighborhood Action Plans. Meter will also discuss Sustainability Indicators, engaging residents in developing "Data Poetry Indicators," planning for sustainable development and using indicators for determining current conditions, measuring progress, and holding ourselves, public officials, funders and other institutions accountable. If you would like to attend this workshop, please call Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149, or send an e-mail to [training@nrp.org](mailto:training@nrp.org).

The workshop will be held at **the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 200, in CPED Conference Room #3**. Free on-street parking is available after 6 p.m. on 5th Ave. north of Second Street. Meters on Second Street are enforced until 10 p.m. There is no fee for these workshops. Light refreshments will be provided.

## **Save money by planning ahead for your National Night Out Party**

Block clubs planning to host parties during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3 can save money by applying early to Public Works to have streets closed off. Applications are available online at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management) or by calling 612-673-2220. Fees for closing off streets are lower the earlier you apply as shown below:

Apply between June 30 and July 12 pay \$40.00

Apply between July 13 and July 19 pay \$60.00

Apply between July 20 and July 27 pay \$160.00

Apply on July 28 pay \$200.00

Applications received or postmarked after July 28 will not be accepted

\*Please see NRP Link insert for more information on National Night Out.

## **In Brief**

### **In-depth training for neighborhood organizers offered beginning July 28**

Neighborhood organizations are increasingly facing challenges that require having skilled organizers on staff. In order to assure that these organizers are equipped with the skills they need to do their jobs effectively, a special training program is now being offered by the Minneapolis Training Program for Neighborhood Organizers (MTPNO). This training program is geared toward assisting organizers with the complex problems facing their specific neighborhood organizations. The program will combine comprehensive coverage of organizing basics, training tailored to the individual needs of each organizer and group, long-term follow through and group support from fellow neighborhood organizers. The five-week program will take place on Wednesday nights. The MTPNO program will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28 at the Northeast YMCA, 2304 Jackson St. NE. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please call Jay Clark at 612-625-2513 or e-mail him at [clarko37@tc.umn.edu](mailto:clarko37@tc.umn.edu). The MTPNO is a free program.

### **Free mental health services available beginning Sept. 9**

The Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services (IPC) exists to offer services to underprivileged and working poor. The IPC will be offering free mental health services to people who have no insurance or cannot afford to pay for counseling fees out of pocket. These services will be available by appointment as of September 9, 2004. Please call 651-962-4820 to make an appointment or to obtain further information on the mental health/counseling services provided at the center. The center is located on the lower level at 1128 Harmon Place, near the corner of 12th Street and Harmon Place. The types of services that will be available include individual counseling for children, adolescents and adults; couples or marital counseling; family counseling; career counseling; psychological assessment and testing; educational and counseling groups on various issues such as stress management, family financial management, parenting and job interviewing skills; counseling on elder and geriatric issues; and counseling related to issues of immigration and re-settlement.

# Neighborhood Events

## Fifth Annual Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour July 17

Ten private gardens will be on display during the Fifth Annual Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. Advance garden tour tickets and maps are now available for \$5 at Bloomsbury Market, 403 S. Cedar Lake Road. Tickets will also be available for \$8 the day of the event at an outdoor sales area near Bloomsbury Market. The garden tour gives visitors an opportunity to check out an NRP-funded streetscape transformation in "Downtown" Bryn Mawr at the intersection of South Cedar Lake Road and Penn Ave. S. where existing concrete boulevards were replaced with red-colored and brick-pattern-stamped concrete. In addition, Boulevard planting beds were constructed and 15 new trees were planted including Spring Snow Crabapple, Japanese Tree Lilac, Basswood and two different types of Ginkgo trees. Bryn Mawr residents planted perennials and annuals in the beds surrounding the trees as well as in faux terra cotta containers. Decorative edging was also installed. For more information about the Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour, please call 612-377-8915.

## Folwell Ice Cream Social July 17

The annual Folwell Ice Cream Social will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2004 at Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N. In addition to the always popular ice cream, there will be games, a dunk tank, face painting and City Kids ID. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, eat your favorite ice cream and listen to Red Gallagher and the Jack Brass Band. For more information, please visit [www.folwell.org](http://www.folwell.org) or call the Folwell Neighborhood Association at 612-521-2100.

## Planting Roots in Our Community July 17

The National Tree Trust and the Northside Residents Redevelopment Council will host a special kick-off event from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 17 at the newly opened Karamu Neighborhood Market, 1315 Penn Ave. N. The "Planting Roots in Our Community" event aims to promote healthy communities by providing resources that educate and empower people to grow and care for urban and community forests. The event will feature music, food and other entertainment.

## Folwell and Webber-Camden Secret Gardens Tour July 25

The Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods in north Minneapolis will host a Secret Gardens Tour from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 25. Maps featuring locations of all of the featured gardens will be available at the FNA office, 1206 37th Ave. N. The first prize winner will receive \$150 plus a hand-crafted plaque designed to be mounted on the exterior of their home. Nominations will be accepted until July 10. For more information about the Secret Gardens Tour, please visit [www.folwell.org](http://www.folwell.org) or call the Folwell Neighborhood Association at 612-521-2100.

## 13th Annual Picnic in the Park July 29

Picnic in the Park is an annual celebration of the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhoods. This year, the event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road. More than 2,000 people attend the event each year. Picnic in the Park is a wonderful way for residents, businesses and other organizations to celebrate their neighborhoods and meet one another while enjoying entertainment, music, food, games, prizes and fun. This year there will be special live music performances, carnival games, free door prizes, face painting, balloon sculptures, Jacob's Ladder, the Moon Walk and much more. The event is made possible thanks to a partnership between the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL), the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council and sponsorship from local businesses TCF Bank, Kowalski's Market and the HPDL Business Association.

## Annual Kingfield Festival July 31

The annual Kingfield Festival is set for Saturday, July 31 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park, 4100 Nicollet Ave. S. The festival will include live music and an art show featuring neighborhood talent. New to the event this year is a drawing for a combination of personal services (such as house cleaning, lawn care and car care) from the award-winning local business, Nook & Cranny Home Services, 3616 Aldrich Ave. S. For more information about the Kingfield Festival, please contact the Kingfield Neighborhood Association at 612-823-5980 or visit [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org).



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### East Phillips Commons ready for residents



On July 1, residents began moving into the new 32-unit East Phillips Commons located at Bloomington Avenue and 29th Street S. The project received \$515,000 from the NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.

### NRP Policy Board Report

Approved June 21, 2004



No formal neighborhood actions taken

For a complete NRP Policy Board report, visit:  
[www.nrp.org/R2/AboutNRP/PB/PBMeetingReps.html](http://www.nrp.org/R2/AboutNRP/PB/PBMeetingReps.html)

## July 2004 Calendar of Events

**8 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting**  
 CANCELED - Next meeting August 5

**13 NRP Training Series 2004: "Measuring Your Progress"** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Suite 200, Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. See Page 2 or call NRP Training Specialist Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for more information.

**17 Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour**  
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various locations throughout Bryn Mawr. See Page 3 or call 612-377-7636 for more information.

**17 Folwell Ice Cream Social**  
 Noon to 4 p.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N. See Page 3 or call the Folwell Neighborhood Association at 612-521-2100 for more information.

**17 Planting Roots in Our Community**  
 10 a.m. to noon, Karamu Neighborhood Market, 1315 Penn Ave. N. See Page 3 or call 612-277-1127 for more information.

**26 NRP Policy Board meeting**  
 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center

**26 August Link submission deadline**  
 Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

**29 13th annual Picnic in the Park**  
 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Pearl Park, 414 East Diamond Lake Road. See Page 3 or call the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake (HPDL) Community Association at 612-824-7707.

**31 Kingfield Festival**  
 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Martin Luther King Park, 4100 Nicollet Ave. S. See Page 3 or call 612-823-5980 for more information.

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