



# Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Fact Sheet

## **Background:**

In the late 1980's public officials and community leaders in Minneapolis determined that neighborhood revitalization would be the most urgent long-term challenge facing the city in the coming two decades. The Minnesota Legislature responded to that challenge in 1990 by allowing Minneapolis to establish the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The NRP is governed by a joint-powers agreement between five government jurisdictions that serve the residents of Minneapolis: The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minneapolis Public Schools, and the Minneapolis Public Library.

## **1990 State Law establishing NRP requires:**

- \$20 million per year for a 20-year revitalization program
- 52.5 percent of NRP funds are to be invested in housing programs.
- Governance by a Policy Board, which includes representatives from neighborhoods, labor, private foundations, community groups, the State Legislature, and the participating government jurisdictions.

## **Phase I (1991-2000) Accomplishments:**

- 1,500 projects throughout the city received NRP funds as a result of neighborhood planning efforts.
- All 81 Minneapolis neighborhoods entered the NRP and more than 25,000 residents have participated in the program to date.
- 61 of the 66 Minneapolis NRP neighborhoods have had their Neighborhood Action Plans approved by the NRP Policy Board and Minneapolis City Council and are now implementing their plans.
- \$157 million of NRP funds have been invested in Minneapolis neighborhoods.
- 49.3 percent of all NRP expenditures went toward housing related programs and projects.
- 67 Minneapolis neighborhoods have established home improvement loan or grant programs.
- 22 Minneapolis neighborhoods have established home buyer-assistance programs.
- 54 Minneapolis neighborhoods have allocated \$28.6 million toward economic development initiatives.
- A San Francisco-based program evaluator found that the NRP:
  - made a significant difference in increasing the number of repairs and improvements in the Minneapolis housing stock.
  - made a significant difference in increasing homeownership rates in Minneapolis neighborhoods.
- 66 percent of the adults living in Minneapolis have heard of the NRP according to a random survey of over 1,100 households.

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