

Northfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority

2015-2017 Work Plan: Executive Summary

Goals and Initiatives for the Northfield HRA:

On-going Initiatives: These are core and regular functions of housing staff that the HRA and community has valued as long-term priorities.	• Continue to actively market current housing and rehab programs • LDC and Rental Code Review ○ Code requirements that have an impact on the development of affordable housing and availability of adequate rental housing • Street Assessment Assistance Program • Update/maintain the website to include resources for foreclosure prevention, energy efficiency and rehab, loan products and housing opportunities
Enhance Strategic Partnerships: Partnerships provide the ability to extend resources and leverage opportunities that will enhance growth and strength in the community. They also provide the ability to take on larger projects with greater community impact. The HRA should continue to nurture existing partnerships, but should explore other sources for added value.	• Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. • Rice County Habitat for Humanity • Rice County HRA • Northfield Community Action Center • Dakota County Community Development Association (CDA) • Northfield Public Schools • AEON • MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) • Greater MN Housing Fund (GMHF) • Xcel Energy • Local employers
Specific projects and initiatives: These are items the HRA has previously identified as priorities, or that staff has identified as needing attention.	• Continue Home Matters 2.0: Neighborhood Revitalization Program (5 neighborhoods by 12/2017) • Florella's Manufactured Home Park rehab project • Re-evaluate Community Development Block Grant programs and initiatives • Workforce Housing: ○ Definition, needs, location, ownership, financing • Future affordable homes initiatives based in part on: ○ Opportunity Maps ○ Results from Housing Summit • Financial literacy • Senior Housing – 2016 • Green standards: definition, incorporation into all programs, develop set of standards & resources for distribution to developers, landlords, homeowners, renters, general public