



APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Application must be received by the Dakota County Community Development Agency

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2022

For July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

General Information

Applicant Name: City of Northfield	DUNS #: 07648456
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Proposed Activities

Activity	Funding Amount
#1 Title: Rental Rehabilitation	CDBG Request: \$ 35,840
#2 Title: Public Facilities	CDBG Request: \$ 29,461
#3 Title: Click or tap here to enter text.	CDBG Request: \$ Click or tap here to enter text.
#4 Title: Click or tap here to enter text.	CDBG Request: \$ Click or tap here to enter text.
#5 Title: Click or tap here to enter text.	CDBG Request: \$ Click or tap here to enter text.
	Total Request: \$ 65,312

PLEASE NOTE: AT LEAST 50% of the proposed funding must qualify as a LOW/MOD benefit and NO MORE THAN 40% of the proposed funding can be for PUBLIC SERVICES. As public services may not account for more than 15% of the County's total funding, public service requests may need to be decreased once all applications are submitted and reviewed by CDA staff.

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that it contains no misrepresentations, falsifications, intentional omissions, or concealment of material facts. I further certify that no contracts have been awarded, funds committed, or construction begun on the proposed project(s), and that none will be made prior to notification from the Dakota County CDA based on HUD's issuance of a Release of Funds Notice.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title of Authorized Official

**PLEASE ATTACH THE RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY SHOWING APPROVAL
OF THE REQUEST FOR CDBG FUNDS**

I. Activity Title

Please complete the following Sections I-V for EACH proposed activity. (For example, if 3 activities are being proposed, there will be 3 sets of the following pages.)

Activity # 1

Activity Title: Rental Rehabilitation

II. Activity Information

Describe the proposed activity in detail. Please be specific about purpose, location, number of people or households served, etc.

Utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for rehabilitation and/or energy efficiency improvements. Concentrate on rehabilitation and preservation of privately owned rental properties, while meeting the primary objective of providing decent housing and a suitable living environment for persons of low and moderate income.

The City of Northfield is updating Rental Licensing and nuisance ordinances. During stakeholder engagement meetings, it was noted that the City currently has no tools to assist small landlords with necessary rehabilitation to be compliant with life/safety building codes and/or needed energy efficiency upgrades. Approximately 32% (2,351 units) of the City of Northfield's existing housing inventory are rental housing.

Maintaining the existing housing stock and encouraging Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) through regular maintenance and modifications with energy efficient products (insulation, HVAC, etc.) is part of providing affordable housing in Northfield. As the housing stock ages and systems need replacement, low and moderate income families are forced to either stretch budgets beyond safe levels to pay for utilities due to needed repairs or replacement. From the City of Northfield's most recent Housing Study, it was discovered that 44.5% of current rental households are housing cost-burdened- meaning households are spending more than 30% of their monthly income on rent and utilities.

The goal of this program is to assist rental property owners with the expenses associated with bringing their units into compliance, and more importantly, to continue to provide safe housing for low- and moderate income households.

Has this Activity received CDBG funding before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Check the eligible activity category of the proposed activity: (See attached definitions)

Affordable Rental Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation of Multi-Unit Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency Improvements	Public Services <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Services <input type="checkbox"/> Operational Support
Affordable Homeowner Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> New (Re)Construction Homeowner Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation/ Energy Efficiency Improvement of Single Unit Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Activities	Public Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Public Water/Sewer Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Street Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Abatement <input type="checkbox"/> ADA Improvements
Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Access to Services & Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Stabilization <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelter Operation	Neighborhood Revitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Clearance and Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up of Contaminated Site
Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Training <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation of Commercial/Industrial Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Micro-Enterprise Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation	Planning and Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Administration

Describe the activity schedule:

Is this a continuation of a previously funded activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this a time-specific project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If this is a time-specific project, please note the start and end dates below:

Proposed Activity Start Date: July 1, 2022

Proposed Activity Completion Date: June 30, 2023

III. CDBG National Objective

CDBG funded projects/activities must meet one of the following program objectives. Check the objective for which the CDBG funds will be used.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Low/Mod Area Benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> Low/Mod Limited Clientele Benefit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low/Mod Housing Benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> Low/Mod Jobs Benefit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slum/Blight Area Benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> Slum/Blight Spot Benefit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Need (extremely rare; used only for emergencies): <i>(Please explain)</i> Click or tap here to enter text. | |

If you checked the Low/Mod Area Benefit box, please answer the following:

In what Census Tract/Block Group(s) do beneficiaries of your Activity live? *(Please include map)*
[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

How many residents live in this area? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

What is the percentage of low and moderate-income beneficiaries? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)%

How was this documented? ☐ HUD Data ☐ Survey
(Please include a copy of survey)

If you checked the Low/Mod Housing Benefit box, please answer the following:

How many Low/Mod Households will benefit? 2-3 Households
(Income eligibility must be verified by written documentation)

Where will this activity occur? *(Address of property, neighborhood, or citywide)*
Citywide

If you checked the Low/Mod Limited Clientele Benefit box, please answer the following:

How many Low/Mod People or Households will benefit? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) People [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Households (Please choose either People or Households for each project).

How will income be verified?

- ☐ Income Verification Request Forms
- ☐ Eligibility Status for other Governmental Assistance program
- ☐ Self Certification (Must request source documentation of 20% of certifications and must inform beneficiary that all sources of income and assets must be included when calculating annual income)
- ☐ Presumed benefit (HUD presumes the following to be low and moderate-income: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons (62+), severely disabled persons, homeless persons, persons living with AIDS, migrant farm workers)

If you checked the Low/Mod Jobs Benefit box, please answer the following:

To meet the requirements of the "Jobs" National Objective, the business being assisted must enter into an agreement showing commitment that at least 51% of jobs created or retained will be available to low/mod income persons. The business must also be prepared to provide a list of all jobs, detailed information about the jobs being created or retained, the selection and hiring process, and demographic information about the employees.

Will this activity create or retain full time equivalencies (FTEs)? ☐ Create ☐ Retain

For job(s) that are being retained, please provide evidence that the assisted business has issued a notice to affected employees or that the business has made a public announcement to that effect, OR an analysis of relevant financial records that shows the business is likely to cut back on employment in the near future without planned intervention.

Will the job(s) created or retained require a special skill? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What percent of permanent FTEs will be held by or available to low/mod income persons? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) %

If you checked the Slum/Blight Area or Slum/Blight Spot Benefit box, please answer the following:

What are the boundaries of the slum/blight area or the address of the slum/blight spot? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

(Please provide letter from building inspector or other documentation noting deficiencies and include photos)

What deficiency will be corrected or the public improvement be? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

If Slum/Blight Area, what percent of buildings are deteriorated? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)%

IV. Proposed Objectives and Outcomes

Indicate the proposed objective and outcome of the activity/project.

	Outcome #1 Availability/Accessibility	Outcome #2 Affordability	Outcome #3 Sustainability
Objective #1 Suitable Living Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordability for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment
Objective #2 Decent Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing
Objective #3 Economic Opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities

Indicate how the activity outcome will be measured and projected number of beneficiaries.

- ☐ People _____
 ☐ Public Facilities _____
 ☒ Businesses 2-3
- ☒ Households 2-3
☐ Jobs _____
 ☐ Organizations _____
- ☒ Housing Units 2-3

V. Project Budget

Provide the total project cost and CDBG request.

Total Project Cost: \$ 35,840

Total CDBG Request: \$ 35,840

CDBG Percent of Total Cost: 100%

Describe all other funding sources.

Source of Funds	Amount	Committed	Pending
CDBG	\$ 35,840	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total:	\$ 35,840	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please itemize project expenses, using the following guidance as applicable:

- Acquisition & Improvement Costs - Include purchase price, closing costs, site improvements, clearance of toxic contaminants, and other acquisition and improvement costs
- Construction/Rehabilitation Costs - Include site improvements, construction (labor, materials, supplies), installation, permits and other construction/rehabilitation costs
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- Other Development Costs - Include relocation, financing costs, environmental reviews, environmental studies, and other development costs
- Eligible Costs for Planning Projects - Include professional services, project management costs, and other planning costs

Itemized Use of Funds/Expenses	Costs	CDBG Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources
Rehab Costs	\$34,340	\$ 34,340	\$
Inspection Fees	\$1,500	\$ 1,500	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Total:	\$35,840	\$ 35,840	\$

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Activity # 2

Activity Title: Public Facilities

II. Activity Information

Describe the proposed activity in detail. Please be specific about purpose, location, number of people or households served, etc.

HUD has identified census tracts 706.01 Blocks 1, 3, 4 and 705.04 Block 2 as being low- to moderate-income census tracts in the City of Northfield. Oddfellows Park and Ames Park are two parks in the census tracts as having been identified for needed accessibility improvements to sidewalks, gazebo and public restrooms. Final project has not yet been determined and may need multiple years' worth of CDBG allocation.

Has this Activity received CDBG funding before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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- ☐ Housing Units _____

V. Project Budget

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Total Project Cost: \$ TBD

Total CDBG Request: \$ 29,472

CDBG Percent of Total Cost: 100%

Describe all other funding sources.

Source of Funds	Amount	Committed	Pending
CDBG	\$ 29,472	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Funds	\$ TBD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Itemized Use of Funds/Expenses	Costs	CDBG Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources
Facilities	\$ TBD	\$ 29,472	\$ TBD
City of Northfield	\$ TBD	\$	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Click or tap here to enter text.	\$	\$	\$
Total:	\$TBD	\$ 29,472	\$ TBD

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CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES DEFINITIONS

The following are summary definitions of Community Development Block Grant Eligible Activities:

Please Note: *Although an activity may be deemed eligible for CDBG funding, it does not guarantee funding. The Community Development Needs for the CDBG Program in the Consolidated Plan sets forth the priority of needs and as such dictates which types of eligible activities may be funded in a given year.*

CDBG funds may NOT be used for costs attributable to a building used for the general conduct of government or used for political activities.

Acquisition/Disposition: The use of CDBG funds to acquire real property, in whole or in part, by purchase, long-term lease, donation, or otherwise, for any public purpose. Real property to be acquired may include: land, air rights, easements, water rights, right-of-ways, buildings and other property improvements, or other interests in real property.

Demolition/Clearance: Clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements including movement of structures to other sites.

Economic Development Activities: Economic development activities may include, but are not limited to: (1) Construction by the grantee or sub-recipient of a business incubator designed to provide inexpensive space and assistance to new firms to help them become viable businesses, (2) Loans to pay for the expansion of a factory or commercial business, and (3) Providing training needed by persons on welfare to enable them to qualify for jobs created by CDBG-assisted special economic development activities. The level of public benefit to be derived from the economic development activity must be appropriate given the amount of CDBG assistance.

Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation related activities may include single-family rehabilitation, multi-family rehabilitation, energy efficiency improvements, public housing modernization, and rehabilitation of commercial properties.

General Administration: CDBG funds may be used for the general administration costs incurred by a Subrecipient to administer their CDBG program. Administration costs directly associated with a CDBG activity should be part of the activity as project administration.

Relocation: CDBG funds may be used for relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons, including individuals, families, businesses, non-profits, and farms, where required under section 570.606 of the regulations (pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Act).

Public Facilities/Improvements: CDBG funds may be used by the grantee or other public or private nonprofit entities for the acquisition (including long term leases for periods of 15 years or more), construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation (including removal of architectural barriers to accessibility), or installation, of public improvements or facilities. Buildings for the general conduct of government cannot be acquired or improved with CDBG funds. This includes neighborhood facilities, firehouses, public schools, and libraries, as well as water and/or sewer treatment plants. The regulations further specify that facilities that are designed for use in providing shelter for persons having special needs are considered to be public facilities.

Public Services: CDBG funds may be used to provide public services (including labor, supplies, and materials), provided that each of the following criteria is met: 1) The public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; and 2) The amount of CDBG funds obligated within a program year to support public service activities under this category may not exceed 40% of the City's allocation and the total public services of all Subrecipients may not exceed 15% of the total grant awarded to Dakota County for that year.

Planning: Includes studies, analysis, data gathering, preparation of plans, and identification of actions that will implement plans. The types of plans which may be paid for with CDBG funds include, but are not limited to: Comprehensive plans; Individual project plans; Community development plans, Capital improvement programs; Small area and neighborhood plans; Environmental and historic preservation studies; and Functional plans (such as plans for housing, land use, energy conservation, or economic development).

Homeownership Assistance: Homeownership assistance activities may include financial assistance for downpayments, closing costs or other part of the purchase process and counseling for pre-purchase, post-purchase or foreclosure prevention.