

Redevelopment Incentive Grant Program 2007-2011 Awards

Annually, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) solicits applications from local cities for redevelopment project and planning grants. Up to \$250,000 is awarded to projects and a maximum of \$15,000 is given to planning applications.

Since 2007, the Dakota County CDA has awarded nearly \$5 million in Redevelopment Incentive Grants.

2011

Project Grants:

Burnsville – \$250,000 to assist with the relocation of tenants in the Valley Ridge Shopping Center located at the intersection of County Road 5 and Highway 13. Future plans include demolishing the shopping center and construction of a 140 unit senior housing development.

Eagan – \$175,000 to demolish three properties in the Cedar Grove core area and improvements to a public parking lot that allows for cross-use parking near two remaining businesses in the area.

Hastings – \$145,000 to demolish the post-1927 portions of the H.D. Hudson Manufacturing building along the Mississippi River. The city is evaluating the preservation of the pre-1927 part of this building.

Lilydale – \$135,000 to assist with the redevelopment of the Lilydale Tennis Club, the only remaining available site in the city for redevelopment. A senior housing campus is being planned for the site.

Rosemount – \$120,000 to demolish and remove hazardous materials from the former St. Joseph's School to make way for the creation of senior housing and senior center.

South St. Paul – \$175,000 for demolition of the Stock Lumber site in the BridgePoint Business Park.

2010

Project Grants:

Apple Valley - \$78,700 to redevelop the aging Time Square shopping center with complete façade improvements, construction of a courtyard area, parking lot and sidewalk connection improvements, and stormwater management improvements.

Burnsville - \$250,000 to assist with the acquisition of land to redevelop the Valley Ridge Shopping Center located at the intersection of County Road 5 and Highway 13.

Eagan - \$250,000 to demolish two properties in the Cedar Grove core area and the construction of a trail tying the redevelopment area to a city park.

Hastings - \$250,000 to assist with the acquisition of the H.D. Hudson Manufacturing building, the last commercial site in downtown Hastings along the Mississippi River.

Rosemount - \$250,000 to assist with the infrastructure improvements to the park and ride shelter, lighting, street and landscaping located at the southeast corner of 145th St. West and Burnley Avenue, south of City Hall. Demolition and abatement will occur of existing shelter, with the creation of a 101 stall park and ride providing express bus services from Rosemount to downtown Minneapolis.

West St. Paul - \$150,000 to acquire and demolish the most blighted single family foreclosed homes. The lots will be resold for the construction of new single family owner-occupied homes.

Planning Grants:

Burnsville - \$15,000 to assist with the Redevelopment Plan for the Minnesota River Quadrant. The Redevelopment Plan will lay out the timeline, process, and sequence of steps for making the conceptual plan into reality. The Redevelopment area covers 1,700 acres with 125 different parcels.

West St. Paul - \$6,300 to assist with the Revitalization Plan for the Smith Avenue Corridor, concentrated on Smith Avenue from Dodd to the Smith Avenue Bridge in St. Paul. Goal of the plan is to revitalize the area by supporting existing businesses and homeowners while attracting new businesses, beautifying the corridor and increasing the tax base.

2009

Project Grants:

Burnsville – \$250,000 to acquire properties at the intersection of County Road 5 and Highway 13 which will be demolished to allow for future road and transit improvements as part of the first step in redeveloping the Minnesota River Quadrant area.

Eagan – \$250,000 to demolish eight properties in the Cedar Grove core area that will contribute to the overall redevelopment plan which encompasses 65 acres. The Cedar Grove area is being redeveloped with commercial, office, and a variety of residential properties.

Rosemount – \$41,000 to fund the redevelopment of the streetscape along 145th Street West, enhancing both the physical and visual connections throughout the city's main streets and completing one aspect of the Downtown Redevelopment Implementation Plan.

South St. Paul – \$250,000 to assist in the creation of a methane mitigation system to eliminate the buildup of methane gases in three future office buildings that will be part of the Bridge Point Redevelopment project which is expected to create 440 new jobs.

Planning Grants:

Farmington – \$7,500 to assist with a planning study to establish development and redevelopment policies to maintain and/or restore natural resources through a land use assessment model and a green community infrastructure plan.

Inver Grove Heights – \$15,000 to fund a redevelopment plan for the Concord Boulevard Neighborhood to include balancing differing land uses, effective road access and attractive street frontage.

Lakeville – \$15,000 for a planning study to enhance accessibility through a parking plan for the Ben Franklin block, design streetscape improvements for the Pioneer Plaza area, and incorporation of walkable connections between Pioneer Plaza, Market Plaza and the downtown as a whole.

2008

Project Grants:

Apple Valley - \$250,000 to relocate underground utilities within a public street to provide for a future office expansion and construction of a training facility by Uponor, one of the city's largest manufacturing companies.

Burnsville - \$250,000 for soil correction at the former AAA site located in the Heart of the City redevelopment area. This is the final parcel in the area to be redeveloped and will provide land for a future public parking deck and for other development opportunities.

Hastings - \$250,000 to fund infrastructure improvements in the Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment that will support future planned projects on surrounding property to include park improvements, a Farmer's Market, commercial space and housing.

Lakeville - \$200,000 for street and infrastructure improvements for Market Place Park that will be the city's first downtown public parking lot in support of commercial redevelopment and special events. The area is located on Holyoke Avenue and 208th Street.

Rosemount - \$65,000 to assist in the demolition of five homes that will help improve parking and storm water management around St. Joseph's Church. The building is being renovated to complement the new county library as a downtown gathering space and may ultimately serve as a cultural and arts center. The five homes have already been voluntarily acquired by the city.

Planning Grants:

Apple Valley - \$15,000 to study transit oriented design along Cedar Avenue and determine how existing land uses can work with anticipated improvements being planned in the corridor. The study will provide guidance and standards for the city for future planning proposals.

Burnsville - \$15,000 to assist with the implementation of a Sustainability Plan which will apply environmental standards throughout city departments.

Rosemount - \$10,000 to study access around the city's Central Park which will determine ways to make the park more visible and allow for better parking and access to the site.

2007

Project Grants:

Burnsville - \$250,000 to acquire 1.3 acres of land for the construction of a storm water holding pond near Burnsville Center which will allow for future redevelopment of the shopping area adding new retail and job opportunities.

Farmington - \$66,805 to demolish a building located on Oak Street clearing the site for future development of a mixed-use building with retail on the first floor and four rental units on the upper level.

Hastings - \$250,000 to fund infrastructure improvements along 1st and Tyler Streets on a block that will be redeveloped with a Mississippi Esplanade, Levee Park improvements, Farmer's Market building, rowhouse-style homes and a commercial building.

Rosemount - \$100,000 to acquire a parcel in 'Core Block East' in the city's downtown redevelopment area for future development of office buildings and apartments.

South St. Paul - \$250,000 to demolish a sales office, truck wash, auction barn and livestock pens on the former stockyards in order to clear a 29.3 acre site for future development with part of the land being used for public roadways and storm water retention.