

Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC)

Community Improvement Projects

2011 Guidelines and Procedures

Matching \$3,000.00 grants are available for sustainable projects that **engage residents** and physically improve a neighborhood. Projects should be limited geographically to maximize impact on a neighborhood, and be easily identified as significant improvements that have the ability to enhance quality of life for residents.

Project Proposals

Organizations must submit the attached application to NIDC for approval. Applications should, at a minimum, include the following:

- A comprehensive narrative of project goals and neighborhood benefits.
- A detailed budget of expenditures.
- A time line for implementation and completion.
- A list of all leveraged funds and/or project partners with available commitment letters.

Projects may not begin without NIDC approval.

NIDC will enter into a cooperation agreement with each recipient detailing their project and the eligible use of City funds. At the project's conclusion, a final report with a photo CD of project accomplishments is required.

General Guidelines

- In-kind *services* are capped at 20% of the grant award (materials/hard goods exempt).
- NIDC releases funds on a reimbursable basis. In order to receive reimbursement for project costs, original receipts for project expenditures must be submitted. On an exception basis, NIDC may issue third party checks.
- The City of Milwaukee logo should be included on flyers, literature, brochures, letters, and promotional materials relating to all projects.
- Projects must abide by their approved time line.

Procedure

1. Submit project application to NIDC. Do not begin a project without NIDC approval.
2. NIDC staff reviews proposal; NIDC staff meet with organizations submitting project.
3. Upon project approval, NIDC will provide notification authorizing project implementation and a cooperation agreement for signature.
4. NIDC will follow all agreed upon payment schedules, issuing reimbursement within 30 working days of receiving original receipts and/or invoices.
5. Upon completion of project, a complete narrative summary of the project accompanied by a photo CD should be submitted to NIDC.
6. NIDC issues final payment upon successful completion of all project guidelines and procedures.





Application to the NIDC Block Stabilization Program

If you have at least 2 vacant, foreclosed houses on your block, the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC) Block Stabilization Program (BSP) presents the opportunity for current residents to attract new homeowners by enhancing the appearance of their neighborhood. BSP offers a matching grant of up to \$500 for exterior home improvements that are visible from the curb. Visible improvements on your home may help attract new responsible homeowners and get vacant, foreclosed homes occupied more quickly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____ No. of years at this address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Are there vacant homes on your block? Yes No

Address of house #1 _____

Address of house #2 _____

Briefly describe the exterior improvements you are planning to make (must be visible from the curb):

- Yes No Are you current with your mortgage? If no, number of months behind _____
- Yes No Are you an employee of the City of Milwaukee, the Department of City Development (DCD) or one of its affiliate agencies?
- Yes No Are you married to an employee of the City of Milwaukee, including DCD or one of its affiliate agencies?
- Yes No Are you the brother, sister, parent or child of an employee of the City of Milwaukee, DCD or one of its affiliate agencies?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, please explain below:

Signature of Applicant

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I certify that the information provided herein is true and complete. I authorize DCD and NIDC to review this application, to request, receive and share information to verify its accuracy.



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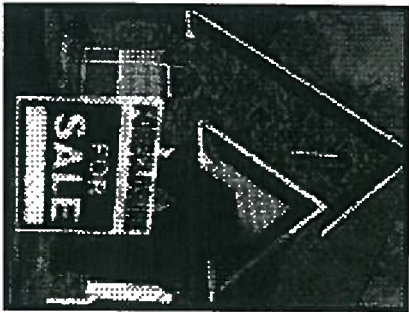
**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND
COPY OF YOUR HOME OWNERS INSURANCE TO:**

Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

PO Box 511730

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-511730





NIDC Block Stabilization Program

Do you have two or more vacant, foreclosed homes for sale on your block?

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Program Guidelines

- ◆ Participants must live in the house on a block where 2 or more vacant, foreclosed properties exist.
- ◆ Participants must be current with their property taxes.
- ◆ If you use a contractor, they must be licensed by the City of Milwaukee.
- ◆ Work can't begin without approval from NIDC; reimbursement for any work done prior to NIDC approval will not be eligible.
- ◆ Grants are reimbursable. Participants must submit proper documentation of expenditures to NIDC.

This is a matching grant program. After you pay for and install the improvements, NIDC will reimburse you for up to half of the cost, or \$500, whichever is less.

How It Works

1. Complete and submit BSP application.
2. Once the application is approved, NIDC will notify the homeowner that work can begin.
3. Participants have 60 days from NIDC approval to complete their project.
4. Upon project completion, NIDC will visit your home to verify work is completed.
5. Participant will submit all receipts related to the project.

Reimbursement

Original invoices and receipts must be submitted for reimbursement; invoices should show a zero balance due. Receipts with ineligible items will be rejected. Participants must keep project materials on a separate receipt. When NIDC receives your request for payment, we will do a verification visit. Homeowners will sign the final verification document and will receive reimbursement within 30 days.



***Help us, help you
Improve your
neighborhood***

Only exterior improvements

visible from the curb are eligible.

Eligible Improvements Include:

- ✓ Exterior doors
- ✓ Windows
- ✓ Exterior Lighting
- ✓ Sidewalk repair
- ✓ Awnings
- ✓ Mailboxes
- ✓ Landscaping
- ✓ Railings
- ✓ Porch repair
- ✓ Decorative lights
- ✓ Shutters
- ✓ Lead safe
- exterior painting

Items Not Eligible Include:

- ✓ Perimeter fences
- ✓ Pet houses
- ✓ Interior improvements
- ✓ Garage repairs
- ✓ Garden tools and watering nozzles
- ✓ Lawn and porch furniture
- ✓ Tools
- ✓ Door bells
- ✓ Roofs

Preservation and Foreclosure Prevention: How to Keep Your Home and Avoid Foreclosure

No one expects to lose their home to foreclosure, but sometimes the unexpected challenges of life can make the responsibility of homeownership a tough one. If financial difficulties are threatening your ability to keep your home, contact Take Root Milwaukee to learn about all of your options.

<http://www.takerootmilwaukee.com/index.html>
Foreclosure Hotline 414-921-4149

Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program (MFMP)

If you have received a foreclosure filing, contact the Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program. The City of Milwaukee has partnered with Marquette University Law School in the Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program. This program is designed to help homeowners save their homes from foreclosure. Mediation is a confidential and voluntary process where a homeowner and the lender seeking to foreclose on your home may discuss ways to resolve a foreclosure case, including reinstatement of the loan and modification of the loan terms. For more information:

<http://law.marquette.edu/foreclosure/>
Call 414-288-4040



The best way to strengthen neighborhoods is the team approach. City government is combining efforts with residents, community groups, and churches to build stronger neighborhoods. When neighborhoods are hit with foreclosures, visible improvements to nearby homes can help keep up a block's appearance. The City's partnership through small matching grants to homeowners is one way to make a difference.

Mayor Tom Barrett



To learn more about the NIDC Block Stabilization Program contact:

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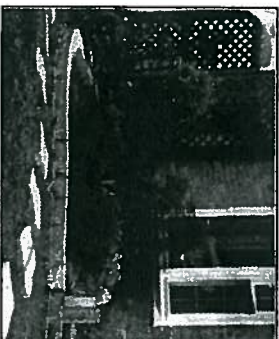
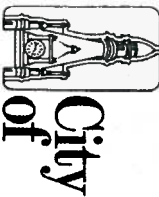
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Greater Milwaukee Foundation



Block Stabilization Program Milwaukee



The goal of the program is to fill vacant foreclosed homes with new homeowners and keep building stronger neighborhoods. The Block Stabilization Program works with residents to enhance their neighborhoods which will attract responsible homeowners.



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