

Residential Redevelopment

The Residential Redevelopment grant program assists communities in demolishing dilapidated residential structures including single-unit residential homes, residential duplex homes of no more than two units, garages, sheds and barns. **Homeowners interested in applying should contact their municipality.**

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Eligible Applicants: Cities, townships, counties or tribal units of government within the agency's service area.

Eligible Structures: Single-unit residential homes, residential duplex homes, garages, sheds and barns.

Ineligible Structures: Decks or roofless structures, commercial buildings, structures with debris removal insurance policy coverage due to fire. Excludes for profit businesses.

Funding: The Residential Redevelopment grant program is funded at \$300,000 for FY2020. There is a maximum of \$3 per building square foot, or 75% of demolition costs including basements, whichever is less. For a 1½ story house, the second floor will be calculated at 80% of the first floor square footage. Decks and levels above the second floor are not to be included in the square footage.

Evaluation Criteria (100 points)

1. **Job creation. (5 points)**
 - Describe job creation or retention, if any that will result from this project. (Minnesota Statute 298.22 subd. 13)
2. **Redevelopment use. (25 points)**
3. **Project readiness and timeliness. (20 points)**
4. **Removes blight. (25 points)**
5. **Program funding has not been awarded in the last 12 months. (10 points)**
6. **Urgent public health and safety issues. (10 points)**
7. **Project serves an underserved community/population. (5 points)**
 - Minority.
 - Geography.
 - Economic status.

Application Process and Review

Pre-applications are accepted July 1 through July 15, 2019. Full applications are provided for eligible projects. All eligible applications received during this time period are reviewed and scored according to the evaluation criteria. Grants are awarded to the most competitive applications. Applications submitted after July 15, 2019 through the end of the agency's fiscal year (June 30, 2020) may be awarded on a

rolling basis subject to meeting minimum scoring criteria and subject to the availability of remaining program funds.

Residential property owners shall contact their local city or township residential redevelopment program coordinator to apply.

The Residential Redevelopment grant program coordinator for each city or township must provide a complete application and documentation.

Applications are reviewed by a team and evaluated and scored on an individual basis. Grant program administrators do not score applications for their respective programs.

Project funding is subject to the Commissioner's final approval. Project must meet objectives, priorities and policies established by the Commissioner.

Notify grant program administrator of any changes to application after final submittal.

Application Checklist

- Project Narrative:**
 - Narrative must address evaluation criteria.
- Two written quotes for demolition must be submitted for each structure to be demolished by a contractor. The contractor is required to be licensed and insured. If you are unable to get two quotes, please contact Danae at 218-735-3022. The community is responsible for compensating the contractor. A written estimate must be submitted for each structure to be demolished by a city or township performing the demolition in-house.**
- Resolution authorizing city, township, county or tribal unit of government to apply for and accept funds. List specific properties on resolution.**
- Document of compliance with Minnesota Historical Society procedures for treatment of historical sites (if applicable).**
- Required Documentation:**
 - Property owner worksheet (including sketch).
 - Release of liability.
 - Pre-demolition photographs.

Additional Information

- The agency reserves the right to require signage/logo acknowledging financial assistance from the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Details are outlined in the grant agreement.
- Awarded projects must meet the Minnesota Prevailing Wage Statutes and the agency's board policy as stated in the grant agreement.
- Project information is subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute Chapter 13.
- A progress report is required if grant period exceeds 12 months.
- A final report is required before final payment including photographs of restored site, job creation and verification of applicant contribution.
- Demolition CANNOT begin prior to execution of a grant contract.

If the applicant is awarded a grant, the following items are required prior to reimbursement:

- Copy of MPCA 10-day Intent to Perform a Demolition form (from contractor).
- Asbestos inspection reports with invoices.
- Asbestos removal reports and invoices.
- Post-demolition photographs.
- Demolition invoices.