Residential Redevelopment grants assist communities in demolishing dilapidated residential structures. The goal of the program is to stabilize and improve the community by removing blighted, substandard and irreparable structures. Projects must reach the objective of eliminating blight, improving property maintenance, promoting health and safety or encouraging economic development. **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. For profit businesses are ineligible.

**Eligible Structures:** Single-unit residential homes, residential duplex, 3-plex and 4-plex homes, garages, sheds and barns. Dilapidated cabin removal may be eligible if redevelopment plan to build new is in place. Structures must be located within a residential zone.

**Ineligible Structures:** Examples include but are not limited to decks or roofless structures, commercial buildings or structures with insurance policy coverage.

**Building Regulations:** Property owner/contractor shall be responsible for demolition compliance in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations and laws. For demolition permits or to follow the proper procedures in removing and disposing of demolition waste, please contact your local solid waste officer or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

**Funding:**
- Residential Redevelopment is funded at $275,000 for FY2022.
- There is a maximum of $3 per building square foot, or 75% of demolition costs including basements, whichever is less.
- For a 1 ½ story house, the second floor will be calculated at 80% of the first-floor square footage or actual size, whichever is less.
- Decks and levels above the second floor are not to be included in the square footage.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:**
- The Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation works to improve economic opportunities in support of diversity, equity and inclusion in our service area.
- Diverse populations served by this program include economically distressed communities, tribal nations, black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), veterans, low to moderate income neighborhoods and disabled individuals.
- Additional points are awarded to projects that serve a diverse population as listed above or utilize state certified Targeted Group (TG), Economically Disadvantaged (ED) area or Veteran-Owned (VO) vendors.

**Evaluation Criteria (100 points)**
Grants are awarded to the highest scored application using the following criteria. Please address all criteria in the project narrative.
1. Job creation. (5 points)
   - Describe how the project supports 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. (20 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. Diversity, equity and inclusion. (10 points)
   - Project incorporates a state certified targeted group, economically disadvantaged area or veteran owned vendor.
   - Project serves an underserved community/population.
   - Diverse populations that include:
     - BIPOC.
     - LGBTQI communities.
     - Disability status.
     - Veterans.
     - Geographic.

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.
- Resolution authorizing applicant to apply for and accept funds.
  - List specific properties on resolution.
- Required documentation:
  - Property owner application and sketch.
  - Release of liability.
  - Pre-demolition photographs.
- Historic preservation requirements:
  - If your project is listed in or located on the National Register of Historic Places and/or the State Register of Historic Places (specific to public buildings and landmarks), it must be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and the response letter uploaded to your application.
  - Contact the State Historic Preservation Office with questions at 651-201-3287.
- Other documentation to support the application.

Application and Award Process:
- Application process:
  - Applications must be submitted through the FLUXX grants portal.
  - A short pre-application is required to determine eligibility of project.
Once eligibility is determined, a full application will be available in FLUXX.

**Application deadline:**
- Applications are accepted July 1 through July 30, 2021.
- Applications submitted after July 30, 2021 through the end of the agency’s fiscal year (June 30, 2022) may be awarded on a rolling basis subject to meeting minimum scoring criteria and subject to the availability of remaining program funds.
- Notify grant program administrator of any changes to application after final submission.

**Application review:**
- All eligible applications are reviewed by a team and evaluated and scored on an individual basis according to the evaluation criteria.
- Grant program administrators do not score applications for their respective program.

**Application award:**
- Grants are awarded to the most competitive applications.
- Applicants will be notified by email within 30 days following application review.
- Grant award is subject to the Commissioner’s final approval and must meet objectives, priorities and policies established by the Commissioner.

**Grant Outcome Expectations:**
- Demolition CANNOT begin prior to execution of the grant contract.
- Once a grant has been awarded, the following items are required prior to reimbursement:
  - Itemized invoices for demolition costs.
  - Itemized invoices for disposal costs, if applicable.
  - Post-demolition photographs.
- Upon receiving a grant award, the grantee may be required to make additional documentation available that includes:
  - MPCA Intent to Perform a Demolition Form.
  - Asbestos inspection report with invoice.
  - Asbestos removal report with invoice.
- 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.
- Spending within the agency’s service area is encouraged.

**Reporting Requirements:**
- A progress report is required if grant period is scheduled to exceed 12 months and annually thereafter.
- A site visit may be conducted by the program administrator.
- A final report is required before final payment.
- A close out acknowledgement form may be required if there is a remaining grant balance.

**Public Information:**
- All application information submitted is presumed to be public information pursuant to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute Chapter 13.