

Community Growth Partnership Initiative Grant Program Awards

Annually, the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) solicits applications from local cities for redevelopment project and planning grants. Up to \$60,000 is awarded to projects and a maximum of \$7,500 is given to planning applications.

2016

Projects

Chanhassen-\$30,000 to assist in the development of a one story, 4,775 square foot building for Chick-fil-A, which will result in a higher tax base and the creation of livable wage jobs.

Victoria- \$60,000 to assist in the development of a daycare facility, Alphabet Junction, within the City's 2016 Downtown Master Plan area, which will result in a higher tax base and the creation and retention of livable wage jobs.

Planning Grants

Carver- \$7,500 to assist with the creation of a redevelopment plan for the Lenzen Bus Garage site. The city is looking to determine the extent of remediation activities necessary, proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning and preparation of a Redevelopment Plan.

2017

Projects

Chanhassen-\$60,000 to assist in the Frontier Building redevelopment. United Properties development proposes to demolish the existing Frontier Building and easterly adjacent building. The project will include an 18,000 square foot grocer "Aldi" and 130 apartments. Parking for the Aldi will be at grade on front of the store off of West 78th St. A parking ramp will be built for the apartments. The project will result in a higher tax base and creation of livable wage jobs.

Planning Grants

Watertown- \$7,500 Using a multi-step process the EDA and City Council will create a vision for the preferred development of the 313 Territorial St E site and create marketing material to be used with potential developers. The process will utilize market data, perform a visual preference and design charette exercise to develop preferred design concepts based on use, perform high level financial analysis of concept to evaluate market valuation and municipal subsidy application to complete this project.

2018

Projects

Carver – \$43,333 Lenzen Bus Garage Senior Living Redevelopment-The redevelopment plan proposes a senior living facility that will provide much needed housing options for the City of Carver. In addition to remediating contaminated soils and removing a blighted and unsafe building from the premises, the City of Carver's goals for the site including providing housing options for residents, increasing job opportunities and providing community amenities.

Chanhassen – \$60,000 Rosemount/Emerson Rehab-Rosemount, Inc. is investing \$14 million to rehab the Chanhassen facility in order to increase capacity and optimize the current office and manufacturing space mix. An anticipated 60 new jobs are being created at the Chanhassen facility with an average salary of \$56,000 per year, plus a benefits package. The City of Chanhassen is seeking to build and diversify its tax base, while adding more well-paying jobs within the community.

Planning Grants

New Germany – \$7,5000 Black Forest and Trophy Lakes Developments-The City of New Germany's goal is to complete a Wasterwater Facility Plan to identify a cost effective, viable option that will allow the city to expand the sanitary sewer collection system to accommodate the addition of new homes and businesses, increasing the city's tax base. The Facility Plan will identify options for the city which will allow for expansion of the collection system (i.e. reduction inflow/infiltration into the collection system, modifications or expansion of treatment facilities to accommodate more flow), phasing of project (project schedule) and cost to implement recommended solutions.

Norwood Young America – \$4,000 Norwood Young America Historic Downtowns Redevelopment Plan-Starting in 2017, the City of Norwood Young America started joint meetings with the Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and City Council. Based on those discussions, it was determined that the most pressing issue was to invest in redevelopment of the downtowns. Throughout 2017 and continuing into 2018, this group has continued to meet and discuss the vision for the future of the downtowns. Norwood Young America is unique in that it is one of only a handful of communities nationwide that has consolidated with two historic downtowns already in place. The Redevelopment Plan will provide focus, cost impacts, and implementation recommendations to jumpstart redevelopments of the two downtowns.