

- funds for homeowners in dire need to correct life-threatening housing conditions.
- Provide funds for the upgrading and/or replacement of infrastructure including water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, storm water collection, road building and resurfacing, sidewalk, street lighting, landscaping, and other infrastructure.

2.7: Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing and Market Rate Housing Background

The City and the CRA have a goal of improving the NWCRA. The NWCRA has many positive attributes, including historical structures and affordable homes, but the area is also blighted, dominated in certain areas by rental housing and in a state of disinvestment. In addition, there are a substantial number of vacant lots in the area and many of the structures in the area have been converted to multi-family rentals.

The overall objective is to invigorate the neighborhood with new homebuyers and establish the area as a viable home ownership community.

Project Objectives

- Provide affordable and workforce housing for residents. A blend of affordable, workforce and market rate housing are encouraged.
- Encourage market rate housing and mixed income communities.
- Stabilize and preserve the neighborhoods through redevelopment and the elimination of slum and blight.
- Encourage fee simple home ownership.
- Reduce the number of blighted multi-family structures in the neighborhood.
- Work directly with the OHUI on individual single-family homes, subdivisions, workforce and senior housing.

Project Description

- The City's Office of Housing and Urban Improvement (OHUI) is primarily responsible for the development of housing product throughout the City. Additionally, the Interlocal Agreement provides that the County will use \$10,000,000 to remove residential slum and blight in the NWCRA. Accordingly, the CRA's role will be to support the efforts of the City and the County in connection with their housing initiatives.
- Continue to acquire blighted properties for redevelopment as housing stock.
- Continue to establish innovative community policing strategies.
- Where appropriate, convert CRA-owned vacant lots to neighborhood or pocket parks and improved open space.
- Provide funds for the upgrading and/or replacement of infrastructure including water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, storm water collection, road building and resurfacing, sidewalk, street lighting, landscaping, and other infrastructure.
- Establish CRA-eligible affordable housing programs for down payment and rental assistance.
- Establish "Tiny Home" Affordable Housing Program depending on feasibility.