



Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota 2001-2004

Background

The Executive Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Rick Ball, submitted a profile to the NAHRO Access Alliance in February of 2001. At that time, the agency was requesting assistance with building its capacity to carry out development activities.

With 1245 public housing units and 1188 Section 8 units, the agency was interested in preserving existing units as well as developing new affordable housing outside of the public housing rubric. Specifically, it had two projects, a 280 unit mixed-income/mixed use HOPE VI, and acquisition of a 70 unit multi-family rental development, that it was focused on bringing to fruition.

Assistance Provided

The NAHRO Access Alliance provided multi-year technical assistance to the agency, as well as pre-development funding through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Assistance was provided to increase the capacity of the staff and to develop a 10 year strategic plan for the agency.

Outcome

As a result of this assistance, the agency now has three projects underway. They acquired the 70 unit development with a predevelopment loan accessed through the Alliance. They also received the HOPE VI grant they had applied for, and were recently successful in getting a tax credit allocation.

The Perspective of the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority

The Perspective of the NAHRO Access Alliance

General Category

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