The purpose of MiNeighborhood is to support the revitalization, preservation and sustainability of vibrant and historic neighborhoods through technical assistance. Our highly-trained, customer-focused staff works with public and private partners to build the capacity of Michigan’s neighborhood associations surrounding organized downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts to improve neighborhoods, support residents and create a strong sense of place.

- The MiNeighborhood Program encourages communities to complement a Main Street or traditional commercial district revitalization program with a near neighborhood revitalization program.
- The MiNeighborhood Program will provide technical assistance as well as guidance to resources available to residential areas that are in proximity (within 0.25–0.5 miles) to a traditional downtown or traditional commercial district.
- This program will help to further enhance downtowns and to promote positive changes in image, marketability, physical condition and appearance of the neighborhood.

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Program Criteria

Eligible Applicants: Primary applicant is a formal or informal neighborhood association with a functioning board.

Sponsor: Applying Neighborhood Associations may have a sponsor who will provide staffing and organizational support. Sponsors can be community housing development organizations, community development corporations, non-profit organizations, 501(c)3 or 6, or municipal community development offices.

If applying with a Sponsor, the Neighborhood Association and the Sponsor must have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place guaranteeing the funding for the MiNeighborhood Manager for the term of three years.

Targeted Area: Determined by applicant within 0.25–0.5 miles proximity to a traditional downtown or traditional commercial district, and approved by MiNeighborhood staff.

Pedestrian Friendly Infrastructure: sidewalks, crosswalks, street lighting, etc.

Manager: Applicant or sponsor must employ a part-time employee (20 hours/week) whose duties are dedicated to revitalizing the targeted neighborhood district.

Resolution: Commitment from neighborhood organization to attend trainings.

Support: Identify current and on-going support of traditional downtown or traditional commercial district revitalization.

Year-end reporting: Based on the program measurables (this list is not all-inclusive).

Measurables for the MiNeighborhood Program

- Increase in State Equalized Value (SEV)
- Increase in taxable value
- Increase in average home price
- Increase in ownership versus rental
- Increase in number of residents
- Decrease in number of citations issued to landlords or homeowner
- Decrease in crime rate
- Decrease in number of blighted properties

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