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Supporting vibrant neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids

Progress Report



A not-for-profit and licensed lowa mortgage lender providing unique home loans and lending programs to facilitate neighborhood revitalization in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A Message from Our City Leaders

Hello:

In October 2018, we welcomed Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) to Cedar Rapids. NFC originated in Des Moines, Iowa in 1990 as a public/private partnership between NFC, city and county governments, local financial institutions and neighborhoods. Since then, NFC has originated more than \$350 million in loans and grants that have assisted over 6,800 individuals in realizing their home buying and home renovation dreams. As we continue with our own neighborhood revitalization efforts after the floods of 2008, we are happy to be replicating this successful program in Cedar Rapids.

NFC Cedar Rapids would not be possible without the support of our local financial institutions and other corporate and community partners. Eleven local banks and credit unions helped NFC raise eight million dollars to fund the loans and thirty-five additional partners have pledged over \$840,000 in operational funding. (See chart next page.) All of this has allowed us to help over 25 homeowners like Matt below in either purchasing a new home in one of our lending neighborhoods or renovate an existing home.

We are excited about the future success of NFC Cedar Rapids and, more importantly, what that success means to keeping our neighborhoods strong and vibrant for years to come.

Jeff Pomeranz, Cedar Rapids City Manager **Kyle Skogman,**President & CEO Skogman Homes

Scott Overland,Cedar Rapids City Council District 2



"NFC offered me a great opportunity for home ownership!"

When Matt Morrison met with a mortgage officer in September 2018, he described the home he wanted to purchase and the extensive renovation it was going to require. His banker told him about Neighborhood Finance Corporation and how they offered forgivable renovation loans with a repayable purchase loan.

After completing the application process and a carefully orchestrated construction schedule, Matt was among the first local applicants approved by NFC Cedar Rapids for a purchase renovation loan. He was able to purchase the home and complete the renovations with the help of the NFC Advantage Loan. An NFC Advantage Loan combines a repayable purchase loan with a \$2,500 down payment loan and up to \$10,000 in a forgiveable loan for home repairs — that's a total of up to \$12,500 in forgivable funds after five years of owner-occupancy. Matt's 1953 two-bedroom has now been completely remodeled inside.

"I'm really thankful for this program," said Matt. "It's such a good thing for a first-time homebuyer, especially for somebody who doesn't have a lot of money upfront for a down payment."

III NFC CR By the Numbers Committed over the next 5 years by the City of Cedar Rapids Amount raised by local financial institutions for Total amount of operational Phase One of loan funding funding provided by community partners. In the first 4 months alone, the amount invested in renovating \$406 homes and helping our neighborhoods stay strong. 3 - purchase loans 10 - renovation loans 1 - refinance loan (All loans completed through April 30, 2019.)



In addition to the home loans, Neighborhood Finance Corporation, as a member of NeighborWorks America, provides opportunities for neighborhood leadership development and other additional grant opportunities. Al Pierson who resides in the Northwest Neighborhood attended a NeighborWorks Community Leadership Institute. The Institute's mission is to strengthen the voices and skills of community, resident and volunteer leaders. Each of the four neighborhoods from Cedar Rapids that attended the Institute received a \$1,000 grant towards a neighborhood clean-up day in partnership with NFC, the City of Cedar Rapids and Matthew 25.

"Another NWNNA board member and I attended the CLI conference in Houston this past October. It was an eyeopening experience to see how Houston and other communities work to recover from disasters and revitalize their core neighborhoods," said Pierson. "We came back with ideas to use in our neighborhood. As part of the trip, NFC received a grant which we all decided to use for neighborhood cleanup events. We had over 30 volunteers picking up garbage, mowing, trimming and cleaning up along Ellis Blvd. We plan on holding more events this summer and fall."

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