

Anishinabe Wakiagun – Minneapolis, MN

A Harm-Reduction Supportive Housing Project



Anishinabe Wakiagun (The People’s Home)

Opened in 1996 on the edge of downtown Minneapolis, Anishinabe Wakiagun has 45 single-room-occupancy units in a three-story building.

Owner/Sponsor: AICDC

Developer: PPL

Property Management: PPL

Service Provider: AICDC

Tenant Profile: Chronically intoxicated homeless men and women

Service Approach: Services are voluntary

Key Features and Innovations:

- Case management services include new tenant orientation, daily living skills assistance, entitlement program assistance and benefits counseling, peer-to-peer mentoring, and support and crisis intervention.
- There are many recreational and socialization opportunities available to residents such as movies, Pow Wows, community gardens, and arts and crafts.
- Common rooms include a commercial kitchen and dining facility, and an arts and crafts room.
- Psychological and medical services are provided on-site for the residents, in coordination with AICDC programs and through networking with outside community organizations.

Financing Information

Capital

Low Income Housing Credit Equity	\$1,100,000
FHLB Affordable Housing Program	\$2,000,000
Philanthropy	\$300,000
HOME	\$265,000
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency	\$825,000
City Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$195,000
HUD SHP	\$400,000
Other	\$100,000
Total	\$3,400,000

Operating (Annual)

HUD SHP	\$80,000
Operating Reserve from Equity Funds	\$600,000
Group Residential Housing (Operating)	\$737 per client per mo.
Group Residential Housing (Services)	\$700 per client per mo.

About American Indian Community Development Corporation

American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) is an outgrowth of the American Indian Task Force on Housing and Homeless, which formed about 1991 to identify the housing needs for the homeless American Indian population in Minneapolis. The Task Force determined that the sub-group of chemically dependent, single-adult American Indian men and women were the most underserved in the Twin Cities. In response to that need, the AICDC was incorporated in 1992. Their mission statement is “to provide culturally unique initiatives, housing and entrepreneurial programs that strengthen American Indian communities.” AICDC was formed to focus primarily on housing and community development. However, in recognizing the inability of the American Indian population to successfully achieve adequate housing or maintain residence, staff began to develop programs that would successfully provide housing and support services while addressing chemical health issues for these individuals and families.

About Project for Pride in Living

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) founded in 1972, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping lower-income families develop the tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency. PPL’s earliest activities were devoted to increasing the supply of affordable, quality housing as a stabilizing force in the inner city neighborhoods of Minneapolis. Today it offers affordable housing and support services to people in poverty, and owns or manages more than 800 units of affordable housing. PPL’s mission is to assist lower-income individuals and families to work toward self-sufficiency by providing housing, jobs and training. They create opportunities for growth through several integrated programs: affordable housing (rental and ownership), jobs and employment readiness training, personal and community support services, and youth development.

CSH and the Sponsor

Anishinabe Wakiagun was one of the first supportive housing projects that CSH assisted with in Minneapolis. CSH helped conceptualize the project, identify development partners, formalize partnerships, identify funding sources (including securing under-used GRH programs throughout the state), and helped to build political and community support for the project. CSH provided capacity building grants and predevelopment funds for the development.

About CSH

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