



NA! Expansion Plan Fact Sheet

What is Neighbourhoods Alive! ?

Neighbourhoods Alive! (NA!) is the Provincial government's long-term, community-based, social and economic development strategy that recognizes that building healthy neighbourhoods requires more than an investment in bricks and mortar. As a result, NA! supports and encourages community-driven revitalization efforts in designated neighbourhoods in a number of key areas including: 1) housing and physical improvements; 2) employment and training; 3) education and recreation; and 4) safety and crime prevention.

What is the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and how can it be accessed?

The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) assists neighbourhood organizations representing residents and other local interests, in strengthening local capacity and revitalizing *designated* urban neighbourhoods through a broad range of locally planned and supported initiatives.

Community based organizations in the designated neighbourhoods submit proposals to NA! for NRF project funding. Written proposals for funding are to be submitted by the intake dates of **January 2**, **May 1** or **October 1**. Organizations wishing to apply are encouraged to first consult the NA! Coordinator to confirm eligibility. For more information on NA!, please refer to www.neighbourhoodsalive.mb.ca.

What does the NA! Expansion Plan mean for the original NA! neighbourhoods? (*West Broadway, Spence, Lord Selkirk Park, Point Douglas, William Whyte, Brandon Centre, Thompson*)

- ❖ NA!'s Neighbourhood Development Assistance Program (NDAP), which provides core funding to neighbourhood renewal corporations (NRCs) has been renewed for a further five years (to 2010/11). The NRCs coordinate revitalization activities in their respective neighbourhoods with local residents and other stakeholders.
- ❖ The original neighbourhoods will continue to have access to the same level of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) resources for projects as before.
- ❖ The original neighbourhoods will continue to have the same level of access to NA! staff for advice and support.
- ❖ Support will continue to be available for housing revitalization activities.
- ❖ NA! will continue to serve as a window for access to other government programs, such as the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative, Healthy Child Manitoba, Manitoba Community Places, Lighthouses and the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement.

What does the NA! Expansion Plan mean for the newly designated NA! neighbourhoods? (*Centennial, West Alexander, Daniel McIntyre, St. Matthews, North Portage, Dufferin, St. John's*)

- ❖ The new neighbourhoods will now have access to the NRF for project funding and to NA! staff for advice and support.
- ❖ NRF funding has increased this year from \$2.0 million to \$2.3 million to support projects in the new neighbourhoods. The NRF will see further significant increases over the next several years to meet the needs in these areas.
- ❖ Strategies for supporting neighbourhood leadership and capacity will come out of the consultations in each new neighbourhood area.
- ❖ NA! support is available for housing revitalization activities in the new neighbourhoods.
- ❖ The new neighbourhoods can use NA! as a window to access the other government programs noted above.