

# CANDO

## Statement of Partnership

Purpose: The work of CANDO has been sustained, broadened and made possible through a wide variety of partnerships, both informal and formal, throughout CANDO's history. This statement clarifies CANDO's commitment to its partners, acknowledges with deep appreciation and respect the work of those partners and describes CANDO's goals in working with current and potential partners.

Background: Seeing the need for a vibrant neighborhood association for the Central neighborhood of Minneapolis, the Central Weed & Seed Initiative joined with residents and community leaders to incorporate the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO) in September 2004. In 2006, CANDO elected to maintain the mutually beneficial partnership with Central Weed & Seed in order to work together on a wide range of issues important to the community at large. During this period of time, CANDO successfully completed a certification process with the City of Minneapolis to be officially recognized as the Citizen Participation organization for the neighborhood, subsequently being awarded administrator status of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds allocated to the Central community.

As the administrator of NRP funds, CANDO inherited the original Central Neighborhood Action Plan, which was approved by the City Council in 1995. CANDO has a contractual relationship with NRP that honors the spirit and intent of the thirteen-year-old action plan, and the 2009-2013 strategic plan has been carefully crafted to either complete or complement those strategies still relevant to the health and vitality of the community today.

CANDO has successfully forwarded a good deal of the work outlined in the 1995 plan, however, a number of global and local changes inspire us in new and exciting directions as we prepare for the next five years of service to the community. New realities in technology, demographics and the economy call for a new action plan. Through committee work and community meetings, CANDO and its partners present a strategic plan that ensures the viability, stability, and health of the Central neighborhood in this new era.

How CANDO Partners: CANDO seeks and encourages partnerships in a variety of ways, from formalized, contractual relationships to informal collaborations. In every partnership, CANDO strives to act in good faith to further the goals of the partnerships, of CANDO, and most importantly, of the community.

As a recipient and administrator entrusted with public and other funds, CANDO is legally and contractually bound to certain fiscal policies and procedures. It is vitally important to CANDO that conflict-of-interest rules be followed carefully and consistently. In addition, CANDO's commitment to its partnerships, current and future, can in no way obligate the organization to expend public

funds unless and until an open, documented process adhering to CANDO's fiscal policies and legal obligations has been completed. CANDO will budget for programmatic expenses in a transparent manner, so that all parties have ample opportunity to know in advance of any intent regarding to funding processes, guidelines, and/or opportunities.

Where CANDO has an opportunity to offer sub-awards, the organization's fiscal policies call for a competitive process whereby potential recipients of such funds are successful in their bid based at least in part on criteria set by CANDO. To ensure the best interest of the greater community, as well as the organization itself is met, CANDO may from time to time rely on technical assistance from the City of Minneapolis, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, or others who have the capacity and will to assist in such matters.

Current Partners: CANDO appreciates and supports its many partners, whether public or private, contractual or volunteer, non-profit or for-profit, formal or informal, for the hard work and commitment they bring to the Central neighborhood of Minneapolis. These partners include:

Bancroft Neighborhood Association  
Bobby Brown Beyond the Court  
Central Park & Gymnasium  
Central Weed & Seed  
Circle of Discipline  
Community Planning & Economic Development  
Department of Inspections  
Eighth Ward City Council Office  
Hennepin County Corrections  
Hosmer Library  
James Ford Bell Foundation  
MadDads  
Minnesota Office of Justice Programs  
Minneapolis Police Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis  
Office of the City Attorney  
Office of the Mayor  
Pillsbury House  
Public Works, Solid Waste & Recycling  
Restorative Justice Project  
Sabathani Community Center  
Twin Cities Christian Foundation  
Urban Ventures Family Center  
U.S. Department of Justice