

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Long Prairie Revitalization Group

**Geographic Area:** City of Long Prairie

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 2, April 1998 – April 2000

**Project Focus:** Community/Downtown Revitalization Plan

### **Vision/Purpose Statement:**

To promote and assist in the development and enhancement of the Long Prairie Community.

### **Priorities:**

- Revitalization of the Reichert Hotel and Downtown
- Development and promotion of community theater
- Plan and initiate tourism

### **Follow Up Grants and Loans:**

- \$2,400 - For Community Theater
- Valspar Picture it Painted Grant- Veterans' Memorial Park
- \$2,100 - Lake Charlotte Youth Run Concessions
- \$1,800 - Lake Charlotte Youth Run Concessions
- \$25,000 - Prairie Community Network Safe Exchange & Visitation Center
- \$2,500 – For Summer Reading Program with Hispanic Liaison Office
- \$10,000 – To Multi-Cultural Community Liaison Office of Todd County
- \$5,000 – To Community Theater – mentoring project
- \$5,000 – For Southwest Industrial Park Marketing (2006)
- \$8,000 – For Blue Sky project (2006)
- Investment loan (Initiative Foundation) for R-way Corporation (1999)
- Start-up loan (Initiative Foundation) for Destiny's Bakery (2004)
- Start-up loan (Initiative Foundation) for Riverside Meats and Retail, Inc. (2006)

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- \$1,000,000+ DTED Small Cities grant for renovation of Reichert Hotel- Grand Opening on October 11, 2001; includes 17 housing units.
- Started Community Theater (have completed three productions)
- Hired Economic Developer and formed EDA (Spring 1999)
- Veterans' Memorial Park and Wall (completed 2001/2002)
- \$38,000 raised locally for Downtown Enhancements
- Initiative Foundation's Community Initiatives Award (Fall 2000)
- Tree Plantings with DNR grants
- CRV Funds (\$402,000) to purchase and renovate four homes
- Street lights installed (Oct. 2001)
- Historic Clock, Boulevard and benches installed in down town (Aug. 2001)
- Ten store fronts improvements completed (Aug. 2001).
- Completed Housing Study with CMHP. Implementation underway on recommendations.
- Regular bus tour groups are now visiting the city.

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