

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

The Housing and Development Authority was started due to the need of low rental housing for the elderly in Red Wing. The HRA was able to be formed under the Minnesota housing and Redevelopment Act, Chapter 487 of the Minnesota Session of laws in 1947. This law allows the formation of a housing authority after the governing body of the city passes a resolution for a need of an authority to function in the city.

A Resolution was given by the City Council at the December 2, 1965. The Resolution stated that a public hearing will be held to determine if the need of a HRA is needed in the City of Red Wing. On March 3, 1966 The Resolution to form a housing authority was passed. The committee was chosen by Mayor Demetrius Jelatis. Members of the Authority were confirmed at the April 7, 1966 City Council meeting. The original HRA had five members. One of the early successes of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority was the first Jordan Tower. The Jordan tower was affordable housing for the elderly. The first Jordan Tower was completed in 1974 with the second one being completed in 1979.

The Housing Redevelopment Authority administers and manages public housing properties and programs assisting families. They also administer Housing and Urban Development rental assistance programs, and assists redevelopment projects and plans they also administers a variety of housing and commercial loan programs. The current Housing and Redevelopment Authority has a total of seven members from the community.