

## Engagement Plan

### Neighborhood Organization

Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.

### Time frame

2022

### Work summary

Summary of activities cross all programs and demographic groups.

### Scope of work, outcomes and goals

Overall scope of work, outcomes and goals across all activities and demographic groups. Show how your organization will engage historically under-engaged groups.

### Plan detail

Initiative, activity, project or program	<i>Development Outreach &amp; Engagement</i>	<i>Rent Discount Program (discount to be provided by property owner, not with City funds)</i>	<i>Tenant Organizing</i>
Demographic Served & Barriers Addressed	<p><i>Renters (77%)</i></p> <p><i>Barriers: access to multi-family properties, transient population, feeling unwelcome at BLUH meeting, city notices don't reach renters</i></p>	<p><i>Renters (77%)</i></p> <p><i>&gt; Low-income renters</i></p> <p><i>Barriers: access to multi-family properties, transient population, landlord interest</i></p> <p><i>Language other than English (27.5%)</i></p> <p><i>Barriers: access to information in native language</i></p>	<p><i>Renters (77%)</i></p> <p><i>&gt; Low-income renters</i></p> <p><i>&gt; BIPOC renters</i></p> <p><i>Barriers: access to multi-family properties, transient population, fear of landlord retaliation, distrust</i></p>

<p><b>Outreach and engagement strategies</b></p>	<p><i>Meeting notices posted at building entrances</i></p> <p><i>Door-knocking</i></p> <p><i>Phone calls to building leaders</i></p> <p><i>Digital communications</i></p>	<p><i>Distributing flyers and door hangers</i></p> <p><i>Door-knocking</i></p> <p><i>1:1 meetings</i></p> <p><i>Connecting with property managers</i></p> <p><i>Translating flyers and providing interpretation</i></p> <p><i>Financial incentives (not paid for with City funds)</i></p> <p><i>Digital communications</i></p>	<p><i>Door-knocking</i></p> <p><i>Flyering</i></p> <p><i>1:1 meetings</i></p> <p><i>Resident/tenant association meetings</i></p> <p><i>Tabling</i></p> <p><i>Digital communications</i></p>
<p><b>Resources needed</b></p>	<p><i>Wages for community organizer, VISTA program expenses, early notification of proposed developments, connections to city staff/developers, connections with building leaders, flyers, resident database, office space, office supplies, meeting expenses</i></p>	<p><i>Wages for community organizer, engagement with landlords/property managers, access to buildings, resident database, office space, office supplies, meeting/event expenses</i></p>	<p><i>VISTA program expenses, connections with resident leaders, resident database, flyers, office space, office supplies, meeting/event expenses</i></p>
<p><b>Partners in the work</b></p>	<p><i>City of Minneapolis, Developers</i></p>	<p><i>Property Owners &amp; Property Managers</i></p>	<p><i>HOME Line, Housing Justice Center, CURA</i></p>
<p><b>Person(s) responsible</b></p>	<p><i>Community Organizer, VISTA Tenant Organizer</i></p>	<p><i>Community Organizer</i></p>	<p><i>VISTA Tenant Organizer</i></p>

## Timeline

*Ongoing:*

*After receiving notice of development, flyer buildings one week prior to community meeting, door-knocking during that week as capacity allows, provide updates on development progress*

*Jan - March: Identify buildings to prioritize in recruitment, connect one-on-one with landlords and resident leaders, develop recruitment strategies with landlords and resident leaders, connect with other organizations that are engaged in similar work*

*April- July: Targeted outreach to key buildings (flyering, door-knocking, social media posts to building groups), continued work with landlords and residents in expanding the program and its reach, implement recruitment strategies*

*Aug-Dec: Continue working with residents and landlords to expand the program*

*Jan-Apr: onboarding, professional development training, 1:1s with tenant leaders, attend tenant association meetings, begin implementing organizing strategies*

*May-Aug: Continue all organizing strategies, support existing tenant associations, identify new buildings to prioritize organizing, support organizing efforts in 1-2 priority buildings.*

*Sep-Dec: Assist with formalizing 1-2 new tenant associations, continue supporting existing associations, create sustainability resources to support next incoming VISTA.*

<p><b>Quantitative goals</b></p>	<p><i>Flyer all buildings on the block and surrounding blocks for all proposed development</i></p> <p><i>Door-knock &amp; flyer all doors of a building threatened by displacement</i></p> <p><i>More renters at community meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Contact 5 landlords/property managers monthly</i></p> <p><i>Connect and check-in with 10 current and former EPNI volunteers through one-on-one meetings bimonthly</i></p> <p><i>Build relationships with 5 potential volunteers monthly</i></p>	<p><i>Knock 50 doors per month.</i></p> <p><i>Have 5 meaningful interactions with new tenants per month.</i></p> <p><i>Support formation of 1-2 new tenant associations per year.</i></p> <p><i>Identify &amp; engage 10 potential tenant leaders with interest in organizing per year.</i></p>
<p><b>Qualitative goals</b></p>	<p><i>Ensure all neighbors know about housing developments near them</i></p> <p><i>Ensure all neighbors threatened by displacement are connected with EPNI + additional resources</i></p> <p><i>Diversify perspectives during development review at community meeting</i></p>	<p><i>Better connect residents with volunteer opportunities</i></p> <p><i>Collaborate with properties to offer financial incentives to low-income renters</i></p> <p><i>Create opportunities for community members to take action in their neighborhood</i></p>	<p><i>Receive positive feedback from neighborhood renters.</i></p> <p><i>Prioritize neighborhood properties that could benefit from organizing support - especially properties threatened by displacement.</i></p> <p><i>Strengthen existing relationships with tenant leaders and build new connections.</i></p>
<p><b>Outcome of engagement</b></p>	<p><i>Elliot Park renters are informed of development and how to participate in the decision-making; renters are connected to resources; more renters receive EPNI updates</i></p>	<p><i>Residents are tapped into volunteer opportunities with EPNI; more residents receive neighborhood updates and newsletters; residents are empowered to participate in their neighborhood organization; EPNI capacity increases due to volunteer commitment.</i></p>	<p><i>More renters access neighborhood and EPNI information; more renter representation on board and committees; no renter displacement in neighborhood; renters better-connected to their neighbors and EPNI.</i></p>

**Next steps**

*Start brainstorming ideas on how we can develop the Rent Discount Program to include other marginalized groups in addition to low-income renters*

*Explore how to make the program work for subsidized properties*

*Complete application and planning process to participate in next VISTA cohort, which runs Jan 2022-Jan 2023.*

## Plan detail

<b>Initiative, activity, project or program</b>	<i>Language Access</i>	<i>Disability Accommodation</i>
<b>Demographic Served &amp; Barriers Addressed</b>	<i>Language other than English (27.5%) Barriers: access to information in native language</i>	<i>Population with a disability (30%) Barriers: ability to participate in meetings, events, programs, initiatives</i>
<b>Outreach and engagement strategies</b>	<i>Updated Language Access Plan Translation of printed materials when engaging with buildings known to have persons with limited English proficiency Access to Somali speaking staff Somali interpretation at some meetings</i>	<i>Host meetings at accessible locations ADA notification on all meeting and event notices Use Facebook Live to stream and record meetings/events for those who cannot attend in-person</i>
<b>Resources needed</b>	<i>Budget for translation and interpretation, relationship with vendors, wages for Somali speaking staff</i>	<i>ADA compliant meeting spaces, wages for outreach staff, budget for mailers</i>
<b>Partners in the work</b>	<i>City of Minneapolis NCR, Language Banc, other vendors</i>	<i>City of Minneapolis NCR</i>
<b>Person(s) responsible</b>	<i>Executive Director, Community Organizer, VISTA Tenant Organizer</i>	<i>Executive Director, Community Organizer, VISTA Tenant Organizer</i>
<b>Timeline</b>	<i>By Jan 2022: Updated Language Access Plan Adopted Other strategies: Ongoing</i>	<i>By Jan 2022: Updated ADA Policy Adopted Other strategies: Ongoing</i>

<b>Quantitative goals</b>	<p><i>Language access plan adopted</i></p> <p><i>All meeting notices contain language access notice in English &amp; Somali</i></p> <p><i>All language access requests are fulfilled</i></p>	<p><i>ADA Policy adopted</i></p> <p><i>All meeting notices contain accommodation notice</i></p>
<b>Qualitative goals</b>	<p><i>Information is accessible to more community members</i></p> <p><i>More persons with limited English proficiency are engaged</i></p>	<p><i>All segments of the neighborhood population are welcomed and encouraged to participate</i></p>
<b>Outcome of engagement</b>	<p><i>Persons with Limited English Proficiency have meaningful access and an equal opportunity to participate in our services, activities, programs, and other benefits</i></p>	<p><i>Participation of (and meaningful engagement with) all, including those persons with a disability</i></p>
<b>Next steps</b>	<p><i>Adopt and implement updated language access plan</i></p>	<p><i>Adopt and implement updated ADA policy</i></p>