

Neighborhood Name: Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association (MHNA)

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NCR Approval Date: June 26, 2019

Dinkytown Farmers Market Expansion:

The Dinkytown Farmers Market launched in 2018 providing fresh and affordable produce to a neighborhood without a grocery store and a student population with growing food insecurity concerns. University Lutheran Church of Hope launched the market in response to the growing food insecurity issues on campus and as a powerful community engagement tool. The Dinkytown Farmers Market is a mini-market, which the City of Minneapolis defines as a market with five or fewer vendors, the majority of which sell exclusively produce. New markets are incredibly fragile and expanding operations and ensuring a vibrant and successful market for years to come will require significant support from neighborhood partners; financial and otherwise. The 2019 Dinkytown Farmers Market Expansion would communicate information about the market to a broader customer base, position the market for growth in the future, and ensure that the student population in this historic district have access to healthy food and information about MN State benefits. In 2019-2020, this priority is supported by \$1,872 from the UMN's Good Neighbor Fund.

Sheridan Story Weekend Food Project:

The Sheridan Story is a not-for-profit that identifies community organizations who will sponsor a school by providing funding and volunteers (see <https://www.thesheridanstory.org/overview-video/>). In the fall of 2017 Marcy Open School was identified as a high need school. Six community organizations banded together to launch a pilot project in spring of 2018 which has since become ongoing and feeding on average 30 students each weekend. In 2019-2020, this priority is supported by \$3,000 from the UMN's Good Neighbor Fund.