



**Pima County
Neighborhood Reinvestment
Program
2008-2009
ANNUAL REPORT**



**PIMA COUNTY
Community Development &
Neighborhood Conservation
Department**

INTRODUCTION

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The Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department oversees two specific programs that manage General Obligation bond funded community projects. These bond funded programs differ significantly from other County bond projects, which include detailed information specific to each project when the bond proposals were developed.

Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing programs utilize their designated bond funding for specific community based projects under the oversight of a citizen appointed body. Specific projects are recommended by the citizen committees to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

To date, fifty projects have been approved by the Board for funding through the 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bonds, and twenty-one projects have been completed, with the remaining projects in various phases of development, design, procurement, and construction. A total of \$19,368,132 of the \$20 million has been obligated by the Board of Supervisors.

Of the 29 incomplete projects, ten are in design, nine are under construction, five are in development, four have pending intergovernmental agreements, and one is in procurement. The 29 incomplete projects have an average funding allocation of \$381,000. 23 pending projects have matching funds from Community Development Block Grants, Highway User Revenue Funds, City of Tucson Back to Basics, Arizona State Transportation Enhancement grants, PRO Neighborhoods, nonprofit private fundraising, and neighborhood association contributions.

24 of the 29 unfinished projects are expected to complete construction by the end of FY2009/2010. This ambitious construction schedule was motivated by the low bids of contractors seeking government funding during the downturn in private construction. It is hoped that unused bond allocations will provide additional funding for new neighborhood projects.

Each year, an annual report is presented to the County Administrator regarding the status of the bond funded programs and the specific projects that are pending, in process and completed. This annual report focuses on the status of the 1997 and 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment bond projects.





2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PIMA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Overview

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program has been in existence since the 1997 Pima County bond election established General Obligation Bond funding for construction of small scale capital improvement projects to be selected through a neighborhood consensus process. The 1997 bond election provided \$5 million for projects, and the 2004 Pima County Bond election established a fund of \$20 million.

Since May, 2005, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to review proposals with neighborhood residents presenting their project in detail and to discuss the benefits that will be realized with Neighborhood Reinvestment funds. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors who have the authority to approve all projects. To date, fifty projects have been approved with \$19,368,132 of the \$20,000,000 obligated by the Board of Supervisors. These projects represent urban, suburban and rural areas throughout Pima County.

The rationale behind the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, the methodology, results, neighborhood feedback, and future prospects are discussed below.

PIMA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Mission and Purpose

The movement of Pima County residents to suburbs and exurbs has had a major impact on both urban and rural communities. This population migration has contributed to deterioration of the urban core neighborhoods, as limited public funds are stretched to pay for infrastructure in the new residential communities. Growth on the suburban fringe and rural areas of Pima County creates stress for these communities, as new development burdens roads, schools, parks, and law enforcement.

In response to the burgeoning infrastructure needs in Pima County, the electorate approved Neighborhood Reinvestment bond questions in 1997 and 2004. The dual functions of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program are to fill gaps created by diminishing government dollars and to empower residents of the stressed neighborhoods.

Methodology

The unique Neighborhood Reinvestment funding allocation procedure originates at the grass roots, as residents themselves determine what capital improvement projects will be constructed. With the assistance of Neighborhood Reinvestment Program staff, neighborhoods select a project, obtain a cost estimate, and prepare a written proposal to submit to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee. After presentations by neighborhood representatives and site visits, the Committee forwards its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Should the Board approve the project, an intergovernmental agreement is executed between the County and the constructing jurisdiction. If the County will construct the project, a Memorandum of Understanding is executed between the Community Development Department and the constructing County department, usually Transportation, Parks, or Facilities Management.





Results

Using this process, forty-one 1997 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond projects were approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Forty projects have been completed and the remaining one is expected to be finished before the end of FY2009/10. The entire \$5 million in 1997 bonds has been allocated.

The 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee held their first meeting in May, 2005, with the first project recommended to the Board Of Supervisors in July, 2005. Since that time, fifty 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment projects have been approved by the Board, and twenty-one projects have been completed, with the remaining twenty-nine projects in various phases of development and construction. Twenty-two of the pending projects are being constructed by the City of Tucson, with the remainder being constructed by Pima County and one school district. Nine projects were finished in FY2008/09. Twenty-four are projected to be completed in FY2009/10, three in FY2010/11, and two in FY2011/12. A total of \$19,368,132 of the \$20 million has been allocated by the Board of Supervisors to date.

Neighborhood Reinvestment projects include traffic mitigation devices, street lights, park improvements, sidewalks, walking paths, pedestrian bridges, sports facilities, and community buildings. In the past year, neighborhoods have included rainwater reclamation and other “green” features in their project proposals, reflecting the developing community value of sustainable infrastructure.

Unlike the 1997 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bonds, the 2004 funding can be utilized in all Supervisorial Districts, including the suburban and rural areas of Pima County. Nine rural projects have been approved so far: Amado (community building), Marana Vista (public safety enhancements), Robles Junction (recreation fields), Santa Catalina (community center), Catalina (community building), Ajo (skate park), Arivaca (park improvements), Catalina II (public health clinic), Continental (pediatric health clinic), and Picture Rocks (youth recreational facility).

Neighborhood Reinvestment produces needed capital projects, but it also provides the neighborhoods with organizational tools to work on other pertinent issues. Residents learn to identify resources, use conflict resolution, collaborate, compromise, and build consensus. Most neighborhoods succeed in creating project proposals; all benefit from the process.

As residents prepare their proposal, they acquire a sense of control over their neighborhood's future and recognition that the larger community respects their contribution. Empowered people are more likely to participate in their communities by voting, addressing issues that affect their families, and otherwise becoming an involved citizenry.

Neighborhood Feedback

The neighborhoods with completed capital improvement projects have expressed satisfaction with the projects and with the Neighborhood Reinvestment process. In 2008/09 post-construction surveys, the top five benefits cited by neighborhoods were, in order:

- Encouraged walking, exercise, or outdoor activities
- Improved appearance of the neighborhood
- Promoted community pride
- Promoted a stronger community
- Increased the feeling of safety and security

The survey responses establish that the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program continues to fulfill its purpose of reinvigorating stressed neighborhoods by installing needed infrastructure and developing a process for residents to accomplish collective goals. Comments from neighborhood residents:

“Traffic appears to be slowing. Area is much more visually attractive. Vegetation will provide shade, reduce heat generated from streets, and encourage walking. Neighbors [are] getting to know one another, working together, with increased interaction around many neighborhood interests.”

“Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment is an awesome program that should be continued for the betterment of the entire community.”

“Many more people are coming to the games to use the bleachers with shade shelters.... Also, many of these people are coming back to use the picnic tables, ramadas, and walking paths.”

“I was very happy with the procedures and the cooperation, support, information given throughout the process.”





The Future

Several major challenges remain for the Neighborhood Reinvestment program:

1. Limited Funding. When the \$20 million from the 2004 bonds is fully expended, there will be no more funding for Neighborhood Reinvestment projects unless Pima County voters support additional funding in a new bond election. Every neighborhood with a completed Neighborhood Reinvestment project has informed the program that it has additional serious infrastructure needs, and every month there are new inquiries from Pima County neighborhoods and communities seeking information about NR funding. These neighborhoods have been told that no new applications are being accepted and none will be until and unless additional bond funds are approved.

2. Neighborhood Stress Evaluation. The Neighborhood Reinvestment bond program is designed to benefit stressed neighborhoods and communities. Neighborhood Reinvestment staff, Oversight Committee, and the Board of Supervisors determine the stress level of a neighborhood by reference to the Pima County Composite Stress Index maps, which were developed using data from 2000 United States Census information. Because this information is now nine years old and because relevant stress factors like criminal activity and surrounding growth were not included in the mapping process, the maps are incomplete sources in determining the stress level of many communities.

3. Community Development. There is no system in place to ensure decision-making and advocacy skills that neighborhood groups have developed during the Neighborhood Reinvestment process continue to be exercised and enhanced. In rural Pima County, impediments are distance and lack of local resources to assist evolving community organizations. In urban areas, many neighborhood associations frequently change elected officers, resulting in loss of leadership experience and skills.

The limited funding challenge will continue. For a future Pima County bond election, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee has formally recommended to the Bond Advisory Committee that it include:

- Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment funding in the amount of \$30 million,
- City of South Tucson NR funding of \$1 million, and
- Town of Marana funding of \$750,000.

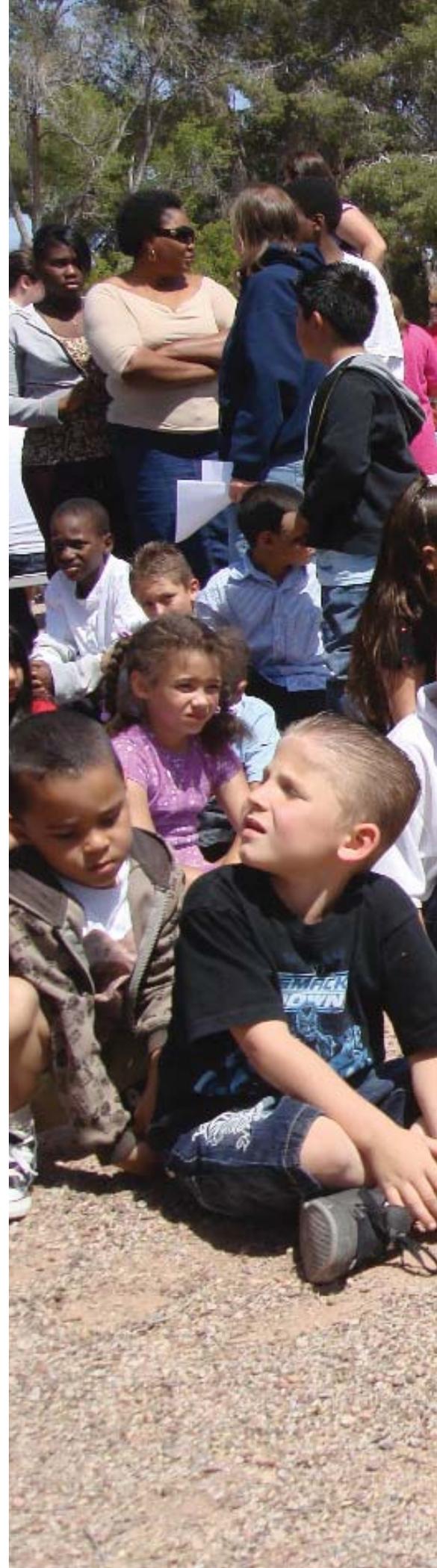
Due to the economic recession, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee has not yet recommended a date for the next bond election to the Board of Supervisors.

Neighborhoods continue to be encouraged to seek supplemental funding from public and private sources. However, funding sources that had previously been available to neighborhoods within the City limits, such as Back to Basics funding, have been scaled back or defunded, creating more demand on the County bond funds. To date, 1997 and 2004 projects have leveraged a total of \$15.7 million from other sources.

Accurate neighborhood stress evaluation has been addressed by updating old data and including unrecognized stress factors in the written project proposals and neighborhood presentations to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee has recommended that, for future Neighborhood Reinvestment bond programs, Pima County contract with qualified consultants to research and update the Composite Stress Maps. Staff has undertaken preliminary steps to identify alternative models and has contacted an appropriate consultant, but no additional steps have been taken pending a decision on future bond funding.

Community development is an essential component of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. Some communities seeking capital projects already have sophisticated decision-making mechanisms, but the majority of stressed communities begin the process at a basic level, perhaps a few individuals who are interested in improving their neighborhood. Neighborhood Reinvestment staff assist them in creating an organizational structure, maximizing community participation, developing consensus on a project, and producing a written proposal.

The challenge is to find a way to ensure that the skills acquired by the group continue to be used to address other issues facing the community. A section has been added to the post-construction survey which the neighborhood group completes, inquiring about other initiatives the neighborhood has undertaken or other problems addressed. Resources are offered for those communities struggling with collective decision-making. Unfortunately, such resources are scarce or nonexistent in unincorporated Pima County. Neighborhood Reinvestment staff will continue to fill that gap when it can, and to assist in the development of additional resources for rural community organizations.



PROJECT	FUNDING	LOCATION	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS					COMPLETION DATE	SCOPE & DIRECT BENEFITS	
			Sidewalks	Streetlights	Traffic Mitigation	Park Improvements	Recreational or Service Facilities			Public Safety Enhancements
Ajo	\$500,000	Ajo Community Unincorporated District 3				✓			March 2008	A 16,000 square-foot skate park with concrete floors and 10 modular skating obstacles for all skill levels, and lighting and fencing components around the park will improve relationships between youth and other community members and businesses by reducing conflicts and damage resulting from skating in unapproved or inappropriate locations.
Amado	\$500,000	Amado Community Unincorporated District 3					✓		October 2007	A 3,300 square-foot multi-purpose community building can be used for youth and family services and programs for Amado community residents, and will provide educational and recreational opportunities for community children and families, and the enhancement of community identity.
'A' Mountain	\$500,000	'A' Mountain Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 1	✓		✓				May 2008	Improvements address key elements of need for pedestrians, and 13 speed humps within the neighborhood boundaries will reduce speeding traffic. The project will also help to create safer streets for youth, family, disabled and elderly pedestrians, and automobile drivers, and an overall stabilization of the neighborhood.
Alvernon Heights	\$38,000	Alvernon Heights Streets District 2 - Ward 5			✓			✓	September 2007	Installation of speed humps throughout neighborhood in effort to mitigate speed-through traffic and thus enhancing the safety for the residents in this community.
Amphi	\$500,000	Amphi Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3	✓	✓					July 2008	The installation of 5-foot sidewalks and 21 streetlights throughout the neighborhood will provide established safety measures, make residents more visible to motorists, and also hopefully deter criminal activity.
Arivaca	\$500,000	Arivaca Community Unincorporated District 3				✓			December 2009	Additions including outdoor restrooms, 2 covered ramadas, 2 picnic tables, and a 9,000 square-foot decomposed granite covered walking path will provide much needed enhancements and improvements to an existing recreational area, and will also provide the community a place to hold large community events.
Avondale	\$295,600	Avondale Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 6		✓					July 2013	Improvements will allow for the creation of safer streets for youth, family, disabled and elderly pedestrians, and automobile drivers, and the overall stabilization of the neighborhood.
Barrio Anita	\$395,000	Oury Recreation Center District 5 - Ward 1				✓			June 2010	Create recreational and fitness opportunities for neighborhood residents and the enhancement of community stability and identity through the construction of a steel basketball court cover to protect a new regulation sized basketball/volleyball court, retractable standards, bleachers, and a concrete stage and viewing area.
Barrio Centro	\$463,690	Barrio Centro District 2 - Ward 5		✓					September 2010	Increased pedestrian safety and mobility, and the provision of additional recreational and exercise opportunities for individuals, children, elderly, and families will result, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood and the larger community as a whole. The rainwater run-off/harvesting system will feed local native vegetation, and minimize the potentially hazardous effects of overcollection in the event of heavy rainfall or flash flooding.
Barrio Hollywood	\$497,080	Barrio Hollywood District 5 - Ward 1	✓					✓	December 2011	The installation of ADA accessible sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, a HAWK light, and stamped asphalt and artwork to tie the project into other on-going neighborhood beautification efforts, will help make the neighborhood safer for youth, families and elderly living in a high-stressed area, as well as produce visible capital improvements.
Barrio San Antonio	\$486,244	Barrio San Antonio District 2 - Ward 5	✓		✓	✓			January 2012	Construction of chicanes and concrete sidewalk, installation of water harvesting cisterns and street trees, and implementation of park improvements for the purposes of traffic mitigation, increased pedestrian safety, environmental sustainability, and providing improved recreational amenities in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood and the larger community as a whole.
Cardinal	\$11,000	Cardinal Neighborhood Unincorporated District 5			✓				February 2009	The installation of 10 speed tables will make the neighborhood safer for youth, families and elderly living in a high-stressed area, and produce visible capital improvements.
Catalina	\$500,000	Catalina Community Unincorporated District 1					✓		March 2009	The acquisition of an acre of land and the construction of a site-built facility will provide needed services in Catalina including senior programs, a food and clothing bank, and information and referral services, in order to create a one-stop social service facility.
Continental	\$500,000	Continental Community Unincorporated District 3					✓		December 2009	The construction of a 3,600 square-foot pediatric health clinic will provide improved and expanded pediatric health care services for residents of the Continental Community and southern Pima County.
Dunbar Spring	\$489,291	Dunbar Spring Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 1			✓				May 2010	Creation of safer streets for all users - cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Improvements will result in less cut-through traffic and slower traffic speeds, improve the walkability of the neighborhood, and make bicycle riding safer, as well as build the community up by bringing together neighbors to help plan, design, and implement the traffic calming, water harvesting and public art projects together.
El Cortez	\$110,000	El Cortez Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 3				✓			June 2009	Construction of large and small playground shade structures, swing and picnic shade covers, all to be placed over existing playground equipment and picnic tables will provide increased recreational opportunities and the overall enhancement of community stability and identity.
Elvira	\$448,140	Elvira Neighborhood Districts 2 & 5 - Ward 1		✓					January 2010	Installation of streetlights for the purposes of increased pedestrian safety and mobility will provide additional recreational and exercise opportunities for residents, children, elderly, and families, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of the neighborhood and the larger community as a whole.
Feldman's	\$500,000	Feldman's Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 6	✓						March 2007	The modification and repair of original sidewalks and the installation of new sidewalks to achieve ADA accessibility will make the neighborhood safer for youth, families, the physically challenged, and elderly living in a high-stressed area, as well as produce visible capital improvements.
Flowing Wells	\$455,475	Flowing Wells Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3				✓			March 2008	Enhancing the Flowing Wells District Park parking lot, the construction of ball field bleachers and a snack bar, installing picnic tables, and adding lighting for volleyball courts will enhance use of an important existing facility and increase its safety for park users for years to come.
Flowing Wells Clinic	\$500,000	Flowing Wells Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3					✓		August 2008	The construction of a 1,650 square-foot health clinic addition to the Flowing Wells Community Center complex and remodeling of 450 square-feet of an existing building will provide medical and dental care for approximately 18,000 area residents annually with over 42,000 estimated visits each year.
Hedrick Acres	\$20,490	Hedrick Acres Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3			✓	✓			March 2008	The installation and improvements adjacent to Navajo Wash, 4 speed humps, and signage to identify neighborhood will help address and promote traffic and pedestrian safety, the utilization of the community space, and reinforcement of neighborhood identity.
Highland Vista	\$75,000	Highland Vista / Cinco Via District 5 - Ward 6				✓			June 2009	The construction of park improvements, landscape modifications, water harvesting, and materials for the South Riparian Area of a 20/30 Park will create fitness opportunities and the stabilization and enhancement of community identity.
Jefferson Park	\$402,240	Jefferson Park Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 3	✓		✓				October 2009	The construction of sidewalks and traffic circles hopes to address important elements of need for pedestrians, as well as create safer streets for youth, family, disabled and elderly pedestrians, and automobile drivers, and positively impact the overall stabilization of the neighborhood.
Julia Keen	\$500,000	Julia Keen Neighborhood District 2 - Ward 5		✓					February 2009	Reduces crime by lighting some of the neighborhood, creating a more friendly atmosphere and having residents interact more with each other.
Kino Coalition Hidalgo Park	\$500,000	Western Hills Neighborhood District 2 - Ward 5				✓	✓		December 2009	Construction of new park and recreational facilities at the vacant Ajo Retention Basin site for general public use that provide needed amenities for youth, individuals, elderly, and families of the surrounding neighborhoods in order to improve the quality of life for the local residential population.

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Kroeger Lane	\$150,000	Barrio Kroeger Lane District 5 - Ward 1			✓	✓			December 2009	Park improvements and a water-harvesting project at Verdugo Park, and the addition of one street hump on 18th Street and one traffic circle at the intersection of Kroeger Lane and 19th Street will help create recreational opportunities and the enhancement of community stability and identity as well as to create safer streets for all users – cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. These improvements will result in less cut-through traffic and slower traffic speeds, and improve the walking ability of pedestrians and make bicycle riding safer.
Marana Vista	\$443,829	Town of Marana District 3	✓	✓					April 2008	Installation of 5-foot wide sidewalks and 16 streetlights throughout the Marana Vista Neighborhood will enhance public safety, especially for neighborhood children in this historic community.
Menlo Park	\$498,975	Menlo Park Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 1			✓	✓		✓	June 2010	Pedestrian safety improvements in the form of a traffic circle, 4 speed humps, 6 street chokers, 5 bump-outs, and 6 neighborhood entry medians to alert drivers to sensitive pedestrian areas. Park improvements are to include a ramada, seat-walls, picnic facilities, a group barbecue grill, shade areas for the park's existing playground and public pool, and a paved plaza with additional seat-walls, benches and shade trees to be located at the corner of Grande Avenue and Fresno Street. The improvements will make neighborhood safer for youth, families and elderly living in high-stressed area and produce visible capital improvements.
Midtown	\$455,500	Midtown Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 6	✓						August 2009	Construction of sidewalks that will connect the recently updated ADA ramps and incorporate public art tile work into the construction of the sidewalk. The project addresses critical elements of need for pedestrians: substandard & nonexistent infrastructure, and ramps compliant with the Arizona with Disabilities Act. This project also creates safer streets for youth, family, disabled, and elderly pedestrians, automobile drivers, and the overall stabilization of the neighborhood.
Midvale Park	\$396,108	Midval Park Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 1		✓					February 2009	The installation of 80 residential street lights and accompanying infrastructure on Midvale Park Road & Oaktree Road will result in increased safety for motorists and pedestrians.
Miles	\$500,000	Miles Learning Center District 2 - Ward 5				✓	✓		September 2007	Implementation of recreational and landscaping improvements on the Miles School grounds for general public use that provide needed amenities for youth attendees of the school and the individuals and families of the surrounding neighborhoods in order to improve the quality of life for the local residential population.
Miracle Manor Milagro Playground	\$209,001	Jacobs Park District 3 - Ward 3				✓			May 2006	The installation of playground equipment in Jacobs Park to be used primarily by children with disabilities, but available to all. The universally-accessible playground is the cornerstone to revitalizing Jacob's Park and provides a safe area for children to play and bring families together to enjoy the entire park.
Miracle Manor II	\$230,301	Miracle Manor Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3				✓			May 2009	Installation of children's swing-sets, a multi-purpose game court with basketball hoop, a walking path, picnic tables, ramadas, and barbecue grills to provide neighborhood residents a park with enhanced recreational, exercise, and sports opportunities.
North Dodge	\$403,920	North Dodge Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3		✓	✓				September 2009	The installation of sidewalks and street lighting throughout the neighborhood will improve the safety of neighborhood pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers, and will function to deter criminal activity after dark.
Northwest	\$498,975	Northwest Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 3		✓	✓			✓	June 2011	Installation of pedestrian safety improvements (including pedestrian and street lighting), traffic mitigation and abatement in the form of chicanes along Elm Street between 1st and 6th Avenues. A pedestrian corridor will use public easements along 5th Avenue to create a direct connection to Mansfield Park and a greenway along 5th Avenue. These improvements will make the neighborhood safer for youth, families and elderly living in a high-stressed area and produce visible capital improvements.
Oak Flower	\$500,000	Oak Flower Neighborhood District 3 - Ward 3		✓					June 2007	The installation of 63 street lights throughout the neighborhood will establish a safer environment for neighborhood youth, disabled, and elderly pedestrians, and hopefully prevent criminal activity.
Palo Verde	\$318,650	Palo Verde Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 6		✓					August 2009	The construction of streetlights in a high pedestrian area will create safer streets for youth, family, disabled and elderly pedestrians and automobile drivers, and promote the stabilization of the neighborhood.
Picture Rocks	\$383,000	Picture Rocks Community Unincorporated District 3				✓			December 2009	A BMX-Skate Park will consist of an 8,000 square-foot concrete floor and 8 above ground modulars for beginners to advance skill levels, with security cameras throughout. The entire community will benefit because the youth will have a safe venue for their sports, a productive outlet for their energies, and a healthful way to spend their free time.
Rillito-Tucson	\$500,000	Davidson Elementary School District 3 - Ward 2				✓	✓		August 2008	A natural resource park to be used as an outdoor classroom, and an ADA playground will help provide fitness opportunities, access to natural open space, and the enhancement of the community identity.
Rincon Heights	\$500,000	Rincon Heights Streets District 5 - Ward 3			✓			✓	June 2009	The installation of chicanes, medians, and water harvesting features on 9th & 10 Streets will result in increased safety for any pedestrians walking within the neighborhood in an area which has many non-residents walking and biking through to the University of Arizona campus.
Robles Junction	\$500,000	Robles Junction Community Unincorporated District 3				✓			December 2009	The construction of a soccer field, covered playground, and restrooms will provide neighborhood residents with fitness and recreational activities which promote community cooperation in an area which has been historically characterized by division and isolation.
Rose	\$303,000	Rose Neighborhood District 5 - Ward 1						✓	June 2009	The installation of a pedestrian bridge over Rodeo Wash, connecting the western part of neighborhood with CE Rose Elementary School and Linear Park will result in increased safety for pedestrians accessing these areas and traversing to and from each location.
Santa Catalina Mt. Lemmon	\$500,000	Summerhaven Community Unincorporated District 4					✓		May 2007	A community and visitors' center provides information on Mt. Lemmon history, environment, recreation, food, lodging, and other visitor services, as well as a location for the resident meetings and gatherings.
Santa Rita Skate Park	\$197,000	Santa Rita Neighborhood District 2 - Ward 5				✓	✓		March 2009	A 22,000 square-foot skate park facility will help keep kids off of the streets, and prevent them from frequenting government buildings and other private property where they were skating and damaging property, while also removing a blank area from the existing larger park.
South Park	\$180,000	Quincie Douglas Pool District 2 - Ward 5				✓	✓		April 2006	The addition of a water slide to accompany the new pool facility at the Quincie Douglas Center helps to enhance the recreational and health opportunities for children and families in an underserved yet fast-growing area.
South Tucson	\$650,000	City of South Tucson District 2				✓	✓		May 2007	Two mini parks with half court basketball courts, playground equipment, security walls, and cameras have provided safe and easily-accessible locations for children on the eastern side of 4th Avenue to play, where there were previously no facilities.
Sunset Villa	\$150,000	Sunset Villa Neighborhood District 5 - ward 1	✓		✓				June 2009	The construction of public safety improvements including sidewalks, speed humps and traffic circles, and public art addresses critical elements of need for pedestrians, and has created safer streets for youth, family, disabled and elderly pedestrians, and automobile drivers, and enhanced the stabilization of the neighborhood.
West University	\$476,190	Catalina Park District 5 - Ward 6				✓	✓		June 2010	The construction of an integrated play area that includes updating equipment for a wading pool, splash pad and playground equipment at Catalina Park will create recreational opportunities and the overall enhancement of community stability and identity.



During FY2008/09, Neighborhood Reinvestment staff expanded their involvement in Pima County communities in a variety of ways beyond development of Neighborhood Reinvestment projects, including:

- Neighborhood Reinvestment staff collaborated with Community Development Block Grant and Pima County Faith Based Initiatives staff to provide leadership development and resource networking in the communities of Rillito and Robles Junction.
- NR staff assisted the Neighborhood Stabilization Program with identifying appropriate neighborhoods for revitalization funding (from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act).
- Neighborhood Reinvestment staff partnered with the Home Repair and Weatherization Program to plan and implement outreach to unserved and underserved areas in unincorporated Pima County, in order to effectively target federal stimulus funding.
- The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager joined the Neighborhood Sustainability Program, a joint Pima County/City of Tucson initiative with the goal of facilitating sustainability planning in local neighborhoods and communities.

Conclusion

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program has benefited all portions of Pima County. All five Supervisorial Districts are represented on a citizens oversight committee. The Program funds infrastructure improvements in older urban neighborhoods and enhances the public spaces of growing suburban and rural communities. Neighborhood Reinvestment projects have provided recreational opportunities, improved public safety, community gathering spaces, and pride of place to the families, youth, elderly, and disabled residents of Pima County.

Every neighborhood with a completed project has reported strong satisfaction with the Neighborhood Reinvestment process and resulting project. In these communities the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program has achieved its goals of physical revitalization of stressed communities and empowerment of residents.

There are at least 35 remaining stressed communities in Pima County which have not yet applied for Neighborhood Reinvestment funding, and all neighborhoods with 1997 or 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond projects have informed the Program they wish to develop second applications for additional infrastructure projects. Rural communities and seriously stressed urban neighborhoods constitute the majority of these potential applicants and are the most lacking in functional infrastructure.

Because Pima County's stressed communities continue to need infrastructure improvements and because government continues to have stringent budget limitations, Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond funding is a vital program for filling the gaps and improving the quality of life for all Pima County residents.

CURRENT 2004 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS

As of June 30, 2009

<u>Supervisor District</u>	<u>BOS Approved Funding</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
District 1	\$750,000	\$500,000
District 2	\$5,072,590	\$6,700,000
District 3	\$5,886,631	\$5,700,000
District 4	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
District 5	\$6,658,911	\$6,700,000
TOTAL	\$19,368,132	\$20,100,000

Passed by Board July 7, 2009

<u>Supervisor District</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Funding</u>
District 2	Toumey Park	\$488,000

Anticipated Proposals August-December, 2009

<u>Supervisor District</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Potential Funding</u>
District 2	Ochoa & Mission View Schools	\$367,000
District 2	29th Street Coalition	\$500,000
District 2	Naylor	\$500,000
District 2	5-Points Coalition	\$400,000

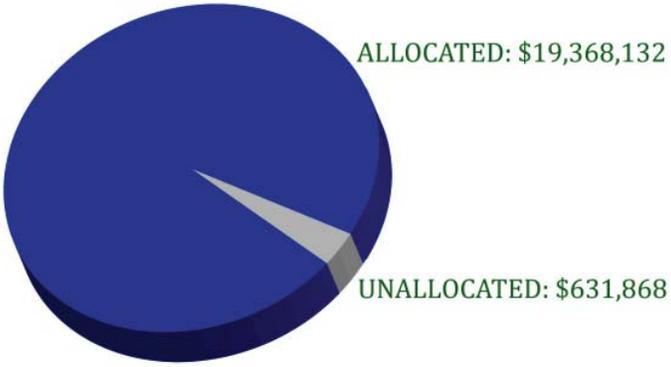
Allocated Funding Unused by Completed 2004 Projects
\$907,054

Available Funding for Pending or Anticipated Projects
\$1,538,922

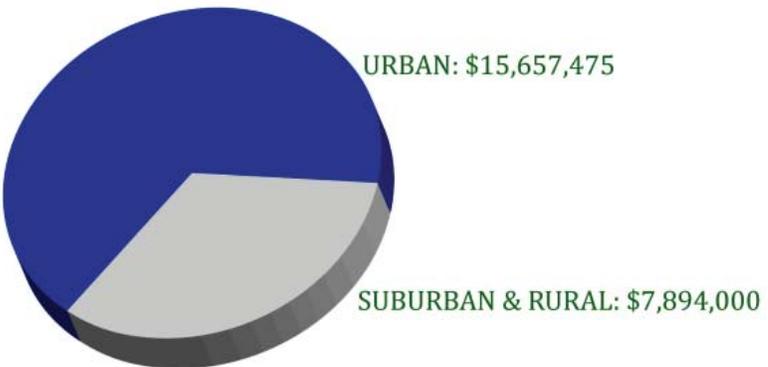




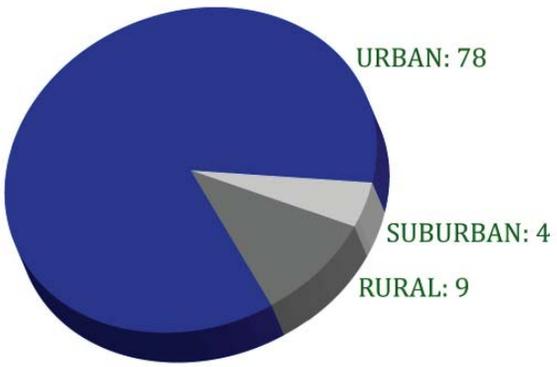
Board-Approved 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Funding Allocation



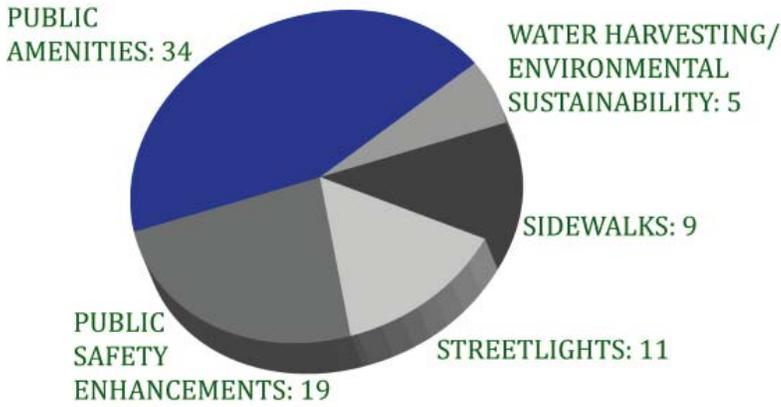
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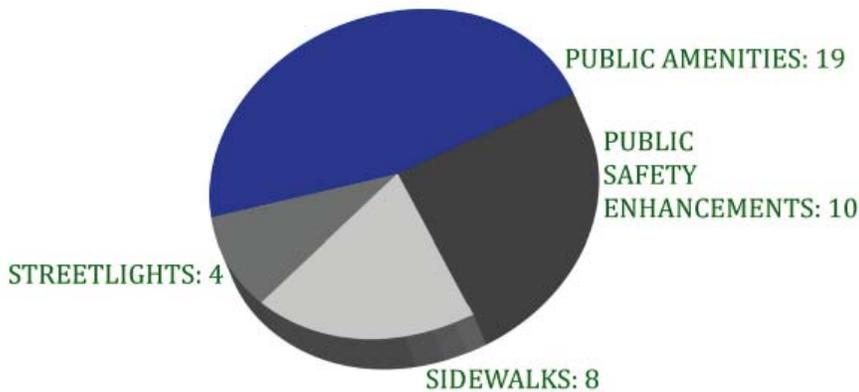


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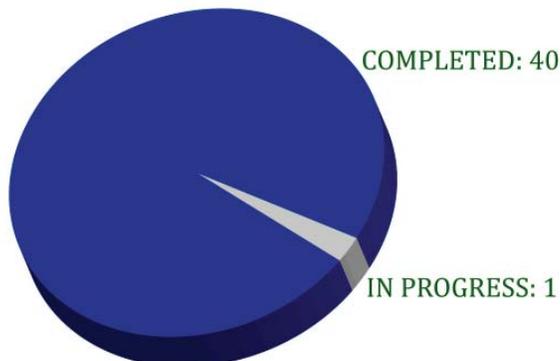
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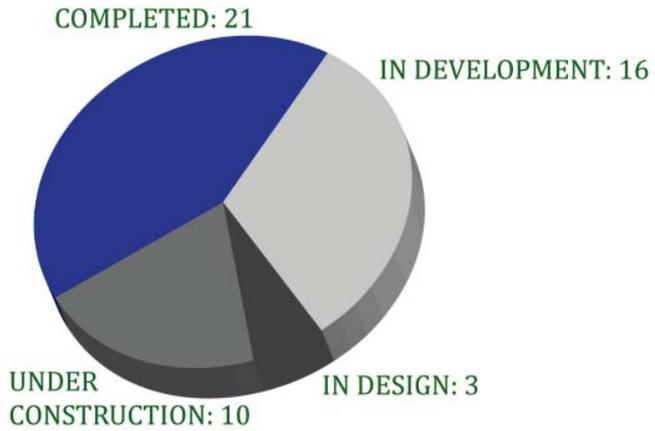
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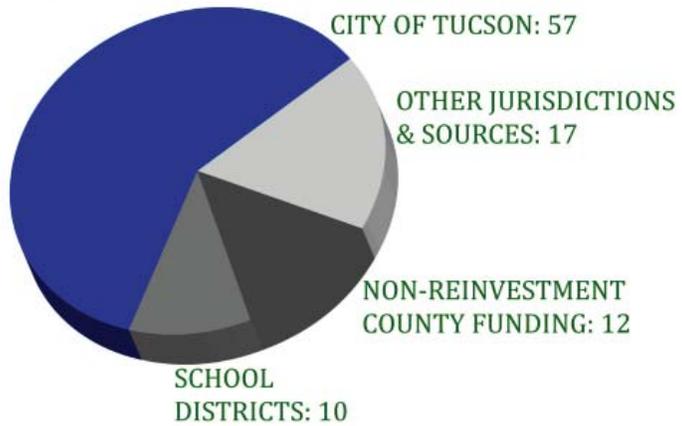




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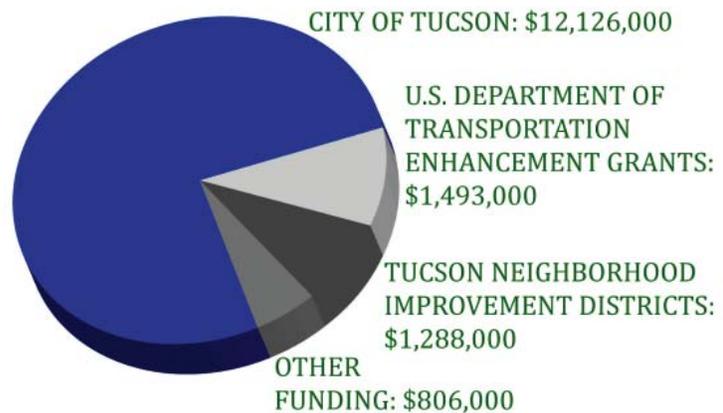


Total Number of Neighborhood Reinvestment Projects with Leveraged Funding by Source



Other Sources of Funding include Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant, Weed and Seed Program, Arizona Department of Transportation, Drachman Institute, Tucson Improvement District, PRO Neighborhoods, Pima Association of Governments, Other Jurisdictions, and Other Non-Profit Organizations.

Total Neighborhood Reinvestment Leveraged Funding Amounts by Source



Other Sources of Funding include State of Arizona, Pima Association of Governments, Other Pima County Departments, Town of Marana, PRO Neighborhoods, et al.

RESULTS FROM THE PIMA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM SURVEY

Background and Process

The number of Pima County residents who have benefited directly from the completed 1997 and 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Projects is approximately 341,666. Bond funds totaling \$23,662,322 has been reinvested back into these communities, through several neighborhood driven projects.

The following information is compiled from a community satisfaction survey sent to all neighborhood associations which have completed projects from the 1997 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond Funds as well as the 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond Funds. These projects are located throughout Pima County and within some of the most stressed areas as described by the 2000 Census.

These surveys are submitted upon project completion and returned to Neighborhood Reinvestment staff. Each year, an annual report is compiled from these surveys and is presented to the County Administrator demonstrating the impact on communities as a result of Neighborhood Reinvestment Program project development and implementation. During FY08/09, a total of 24 surveys were submitted to neighborhoods with a 94% response rate.

Surveys are carried out in a two-part series, the first of which is sent upon the completion of each project, and a second which is submitted one year after the completion of the project in an effort to gauge the effects of the improvements after a more extensive period of time.





Key Findings

Most Popular Projects

- Street/Pedestrian Lighting
- Sidewalks
- Park Improvements
- Landscaping
- Traffic Mitigation

Most Valued Community Benefits:

- Encouragement of Walking, Exercise, or Outdoor Activities
- Improved Appearance of Neighborhood
- Promoted Community Pride
- Promoted Stronger Community
- Increased Feeling of Safety and Security

84% of funded neighborhoods felt that the improvements met their original vision and goals.

89% of funded neighborhoods felt that the Neighborhood Reinvestment process was a positive experience which exceeded expectations.

Top Reasons Neighborhoods Pursued Funding

To Address Safety Concerns	88%
To Help Beautify the Neighborhood	64%
To Increase Community Involvement	64%
To Address Crime Issues	56%
Because of a Lack of Accessible Facilities	48%
To Improve Health Issues	42%

Most Frequent Methods or Tools of Community Involvement Utilized in Developing Proposals

Open Meetings for Discussion and Voting	96%
Staff and Residential Input	88%
City and/or County Development and Presentation	72%
Committee Development and Presentation	68%
Neighborhood Surveys	64%
High Crime Statistics	25%
High Accident Rates	13%

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Photos of Neighborhood Reinvestment Projects Completed During FY08/09



ALBERT M GALLEGO SKATE PARK **Santa Rita Park Neighborhood** 1997 & 2004 NR Bond Funds



SUNSET VILLA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATION **Sunset Villa Neighborhood** 1997 NR Bond Funds



DAVIDSON ELEMENTARY Rillito-Tucson Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds



JULIA KEEN LIGHTING DEDICATION Julia Keen Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds



RINCON HEIGHTS TRAFFIC MITIGATION Rincon Heights Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds



20/30 PARK DEDICATION Highland Vista Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds



MIDVALE PARK STREET LIGHTING Midvale Park Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds



FLOWING WELLS CLINIC Flowing Wells Neighborhood 2004 NR Bond Funds

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