# A HEALTHIER STATE OF MINNESOTA

BETTER HEALTH TOGETHER.



# SHIP IS CREATING HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) investments support community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living, helping all people in Minnesota prevent chronic diseases including cancer, heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. Ninety percent of the nation's health care costs are for people with chronic conditions, and the majority of those costs are preventable.

#### Senator

Kari Dziedzic

#### Representative

Diane Loeffler, 60A

#### Representative

Mohamud Noor, 60B

# SHIP supports health across the lifespan

With a solid infrastructure and strong relationships in place, SHIP communities are well positioned to address emerging public health issues and continue creating better health across a lifespan.



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#### Advocating for a safer crosswalk to promote health

At the Cedar High Apartments public housing high-rise in Minneapolis, most residents are seniors who enjoy walking.

Mohamed Awed, 81, has been living in the Cedar High Apartments for more than 17 years and is the president of his building's resident council and a frequent walker. "Walking is very important for seniors in the neighborhood and they should have an environment that easily helps them to move around freely," he says.

However, walking in the neighborhood is not always easy. According to Awed, "In this place the people who use the space are blind people, deaf people, disabled people, and the cars come very fast. It is very high risk for them."

In 2014, the Minneapolis Health Department used Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funds to partner with the Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council (MHRC), the tenant organization for public housing high-rises, to lead walking audits with residents in 10 high-rises, with the goal of identifying and addressing barriers to walking. During the walking audit at the Cedar High Apartments, the top priority for residents was a safer crossing between the public housing buildings and a nearby mosque were many residents walk several times a day to pray.

After the Health Department compiled the results of the walking audits into a report, residents presented the findings and their priorities (including the crossing identified by the Cedar High Apartment residents) to the City's Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

In 2018, after years of advocacy from residents, the City installed a new crosswalk in front of the Cedar High Apartments, including bump-outs to shorten the crossing distance. On Nov. 1, 2018, residents and MHRC celebrated the installation of the crosswalks.

## SHIP: LOCAL LEADERSHIP, LOCAL PARTNERS, LOCAL EXPERTISE

## These community partners are leading SHIP activities in your communities.

#### Community

The Holland

Market

**West Broadway Farmers** 

Bottineau on the River **Brian Coyle Center** Dickman Park Dinkytown Farmers Market **East River Terrace EDITION Apartments** Loaves and Fishes Too Minneapolis Public Housing Authority **NE Flats Apartments** Olus Home Parker Skyview Tower **Seven Corners Apartments Seward Square Apartments** Sibley Triangle Smoke Free Housing Residence **Spring Manor** 

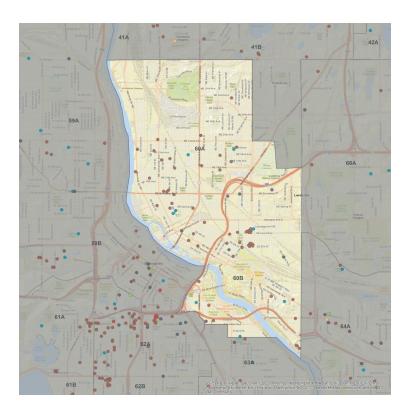
#### Schools

Cedar Riverside Community School Edison High Heritage Academy Marcy Open Elementary Pillsbury Elementary Pratt Elementary Seward Montessori Webster Elementary

#### Workplace

Avivo (2)
Community Involvement
Programs
Eastside Food Coop
Minnesota Gastroenterology

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### **SHIP** strategies



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