

# 2021 Fulton Small Grant Recipients

Fulton Neighborhood Association provides funding for local programming through the Fulton Small Grants Program. The program is designed to support community engagement and neighborhood youth activities. We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Fulton Small Grants:



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**March 2021**

The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

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FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park. All meetings are open to the public.

Fulton Finance is a committee of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park.

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All FNA meetings and events are accessible. Requests for accommodations are welcome. Please make requests at least ten days in advance.

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### **Lake Harriet Community School Equity Team**

**Award amount: \$2,500**

A series of four FREE workshops facilitated by the YWCA Racial Justice and Public Policy Team to challenge your thinking, encourage community conversation and develop a shared understanding of race and equity issues in Minneapolis. The first virtual workshop on Microaggressions and Bias 101 will be 6-8 p.m. Wed., March 24. Attend any or all sessions.

### **Yoga Fit Studios, Linden Hills**

**Award Amount: \$800**

Six FREE outdoor yoga classes (dates TBD) at Pershing Park. Join your neighbors for a series of yoga opportunities featuring physical exercises, mental meditation and breathing techniques to strengthen muscles and relieve stress. Attend any or all sessions.

### **Positive Engagement at Pershing Park**

**Award amount: \$750**

A series of positive and engaging activities at Pershing Park. This is especially important as the Pershing Park Building has been closed for over a year and it gives the neighborhood an opportunity to safely engage with one another, build community and foster pride. FREE activities will include trash pick-up (weekly), positive sidewalk chalking (monthly), flower potting event (twice), packing hygiene kits for those in need and a basketball tournament. Attend any or all sessions.

### **The Body Organization**

**Award amount: \$650**

Available to all Minneapolis Public School high school students when it has been increasingly difficult to get the resources they need while school has been closed for distance learning. Provide FREE personal hygiene, health, safety and reproductive supplies along with mental health resources.

### **Kids in the Kitchen**

**Award amount: \$500**

A series of four FREE virtual cooking lessons (for groups of kids ages 7-10 and 11-13). Children will learn fundamental cooking skills, explore their culinary creativity, share fantastic meals with family and discover tips for successful cooking and baking. Limit 15 participants per series. Plan to attend all sessions in one series.

**\*\*See page 4 for registration information for all grants.**



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

## Meet the FNA Board: Andrea Davila



Andrea has lived in the Fulton Neighborhood for almost three years and in Southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods for almost seven years after moving from New York. She was drawn to Southwest Minneapolis and Fulton because of the proximity to the lake and the creek, the walkability to local restaurants and the sense of community. She joined the FNA Board in October because she was interested in learning more about how neighborhood associations function and how they help the city shape local policy. She is on the FNA Racial Equity and Finance committees.

This summer, Andrea, her wife and two kids (but mainly her four year-old) helped make more than 70 Black Lives Matter signs for their local blocks. Come see them on the windows of houses on Queen, Penn and Russell Avenues between 50th and 48th streets! Andrea works as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota teaching social entrepreneurship and serves on a number of local boards supporting startup social enterprises. Andrea considers herself a reader, first and foremost. She recently finished (and loved) *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.

### Fulton Security Rebate Program

Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) has a rebate program for all Fulton residents (owner or renter) to encourage new residential security upgrades to their home. FNA will reimburse up to \$100 (per address, per calendar year) for upgrades as long as funds are available.

- Purchase and install security improvements/upgrades to your home
- Complete the FNA rebate form
- Send the form, receipt and a photo of the completed work to FNA
- FNA verifies compliance and will then reimburse you up to \$100

Program details, eligible improvements and the application are available on our website: [fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org).

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

# Fulton Neighborhood Conversations on Racial Equity

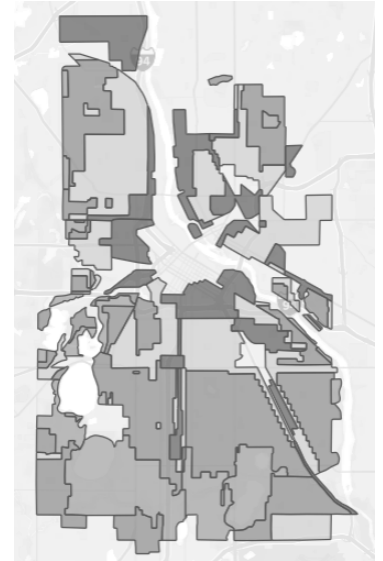
*This article is one of a series from the FNA Racial Equity Committee. In our previous article we discussed how Fulton Neighborhood was named, its population and settler roots. Today, we dig deeper into the practices that make Fulton what it is today. In the next issue, we'll investigate the Indigenous Dakota origins of Minneapolis.*

"I had no idea that the deed on my home prevented non-Whites from living in it," says Jenny F., Fulton neighborhood resident since 2002.

Jenny was shocked to make this discovery in 2016 when she refinanced her home and its original abstract was unearthed. She was surprised to read the following statement within the legal document:

"...the said land or buildings thereon shall never be rented, leased or sold, transferred or conveyed to, nor shall same be occupied exclusively by person or persons other than of the Caucasian Race."

Some Minnesotans may believe that racism and segregation were practices limited to other areas of the country, but the presence of these covenants remind us of a time in the not-so-distant past when Minneapolis actively segregated residents by race in a practice called "redlining" and the use of racial covenants.



## **Financial Boundaries**

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration created the Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC) and the Federal Housing Administration in an attempt to spur housing investments. FDR could not get these agencies created without the cooperation of southern states, and they agreed to vote in FDR's favor only if their requests for discriminatory practices were written into these agencies' charters. Consequently, HOLC drew maps with "desirable" and "less desirable" areas for mortgage companies to determine where it was safe for banks to invest with little risk, and where the financial risk was high.

Areas with a significant percentage of non-White residents were deemed undesirable for investment and were outlined in red, thus the term "redlining." Blacks and other marginalized groups were prevented from living in certain areas of the city deemed "desirable." These same lending rules prevented non-Whites from purchasing the homes they rented from mostly White landlords in the redlined neighborhoods, shutting non-Whites out from building wealth.

## **Plot by Plot, A City Divided**

At the same time, Minneapolis was growing as a city and developers were writing race restrictions into land deeds. The first racially restricted deed appeared in 1910 and was the model for thousands of deeds across the city. The practice was endorsed by lenders who accepted the rationale that these racial restrictions protected their investments.

In 1948 a landmark Supreme Court case deemed that racial covenants were unenforceable, but covenants remained common until 1968 when the Fair Housing Act made them explicitly illegal.

The result of these covenants is still seen in our city today. Minneapolis is comprised of 40 percent non-White residents, yet only 8 percent of Fulton residents are non-White. Redlining resulted in mostly White neighborhoods in desirable areas around the lakes, where the city invested in parks, green space and other amenities. Non-Whites were pushed into less desirable areas with fewer amenities; these neighborhoods were further decimated by the building of Interstate 94 in the 1970's, increasing noise and air pollution and decreasing green space for these residents.

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## **Acknowledgment and a Plan Forward**

While the practice of housing discrimination is illegal, the impact of its historical practice is readily seen in our city. Minneapolis has the lowest African-American homeownership rate in the country. Since most families amass wealth through property ownership, this homeownership gap continues to feed our racial wealth gap.

Understanding how redlining and racial covenants have impacted our city is the first step in addressing the disparities that exist in our city today. Urban planners, attorneys and researchers have put together housing policy recommendations that can reverse the effects of these discriminatory practices. Recommendations include reforming tenant screening, providing tenant protections and creating inclusionary zoning laws, among other changes.

Join our next Book Club (see below) to talk further about racial covenants and redlining in Minneapolis.

You can learn more by visiting [mappingprejudice.umn.edu](http://mappingprejudice.umn.edu), Housing Justice Center at [hjcmn.org](http://hjcmn.org), African Career, Education, and Resource Inc. at [Acerinc.org](http://Acerinc.org) or Owning Up at [dpike.dash.umn.edu/owningup](http://dpike.dash.umn.edu/owningup).



## **Racial Equity Book Club**

Join the virtual book club! At 10 a.m. April 10 we will discuss: *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein.

Contact Ray Klahr to join: [rayklahr@gmail.com](mailto:rayklahr@gmail.com)

## **How to Participate in the Fulton Small Grant Programs**

Below is the contact information for how to express interest, register or get involved with each of the Fulton Small grants. All of these will be posted as active links on our website, [fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org).

### **Lake Harriet Community School Equity Team**

The first session, Microaggressions and Bias 101, will be 6-8 p.m. Wed., Mar. 24. Register on Eventbrite: [tinyurl.com/32tvhe65](http://tinyurl.com/32tvhe65). Sessions are limited to 50 participants each. Further sessions will be announced in spring and fall.

### **Yoga Fit Studios, Linden Hills**

Send an e-mail to [LindenHills@yogafitstudios.com](mailto:LindenHills@yogafitstudios.com). They will create an interest list and e-mail everyone class dates and registration info when they are able to be scheduled. Classes are limited to 50 participants each.

### **Positive Engagement at Pershing Park**

Sign up to be included on the e-mail list for all activities: <https://forms.gle/t9L99PCTps4gDrKC9>

### **The Body Organization**

If any Minneapolis Public Schools high school student needs supplies, send an e-mail to [thebodyorganization@gmail.com](mailto:thebodyorganization@gmail.com) or follow @thebodyorg on Instagram.

### **Kids in the Kitchen**

Register on Eventbrite for a series; classes are limited to 15 participants each.  
7-10 year-olds (Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. April 14-May 5): [tinyurl.com/hcbdvcyr](http://tinyurl.com/hcbdvcyr)  
11-13 year-olds (Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. May 6-27): [tinyurl.com/aah76bkc](http://tinyurl.com/aah76bkc)