

\$39M

Strategic investments in housing and services

\$19.5M for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and
\$19.5M for the Department of Human Services

Statewide Need

- 1 in 8 Minnesota households pay half or more of their income toward housing. When housing costs consume this much of a household's income, people often struggle to meet all of their basic needs.
- An estimated 14,000 Minnesotans are homeless on any given night.
 - Children and youth 21 and under make up half of the homeless population.
 - Over 13,000 public school students were identified as homeless or highly mobile in 2013-14.
 - Seniors are one of the fastest growing groups of homeless people.
- Housing instability contributes to poorer health, educational, and workforce outcomes. Housing shortages can stifle economic development.

Request

Funds are administered by state departments and are paired with local, private, and nonprofit resources to:

- ☑ **REDUCE HOUSING SHORTAGES IN GREATER MINNESOTA AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE RENTAL OPTIONS** across the state through housing development, rehab, and rental assistance.
- ☑ **REDUCE PUBLIC COST OF HOMELESSNESS** through family homelessness prevention and housing with coordinated services for households who have been homeless long-term.
- ☑ **PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** through housing development and single family home rehab for seniors, families with children, and workers with low incomes.
- ☑ **PROMOTE HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT** through services for homeless youth, transitional housing, rental assistance for families, and assistance for low-income adults living with serious mental illness.
- ☑ **EXPAND QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS** for renters and homeowners to strengthen families and communities.



New homeowners bought a rehabbed home in the Twin Cities' northern suburbs with help from Habitat for Humanity

Return on Investments

Investment of \$39 million would serve communities across the state:

- Help reduce chronic homelessness, which lowers expenditures on jails, emergency rooms, shelter, and detox facilities. Every public dollar invested in supportive housing returns \$1.44.
- Prevent and end homelessness for an additional 4,836 households and develop or rehabilitate over 280 apartments and single family homes.
- Improve educational outcomes for students without stable housing.

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2015 Homes for All Legislative Agenda

MHFA Programs	Purpose	14-15 Funding	16-17 Funding	Proposed 16-17 Increase	16-17 Total Recommended	Estimated Additional Served
Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP)	Direct assistance and services to households at risk of losing housing and transitioning out of homelessness	\$15.724M	\$17.038M	\$4M	\$21.038M	4,836 additional households
Housing Trust Fund	Rental assistance for households previously homeless	\$23.552M	\$22.942M	\$8M*	\$30.942M	730 additional households
Challenge Fund	Financing for affordable and workforce housing development statewide	\$28.406M	\$25.85M	\$4.75M**	\$30.6M	236 additional units
Single Family Rehab	Rehabs single family homes when low-income owners' safety, habitability, energy efficiency, or accessibility is affected	\$5.5M	\$5.5M	\$1M	\$6.5M	50 additional households
Bridges	Rental assistance for persons with serious mental illness who are Section 8 eligible/waitlisted	\$5.676M	\$5.676M	\$1.5M	\$7.176M	114 additional households
Capacity Building	Regional coordination for Continuums of Care, leverages federal funding, and support for organizations to expand services and development	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1M	
* <i>\$5M to base; \$2M for Highly Mobile Student Pilot; \$1M for Ex-Offender Pilot; **Governor's Initiative</i>				TOTAL FOR MHFA: \$19.5M proposed increases		

DHS Programs	Purpose	14-15 Funding	16-17 Funding	Proposed 16-17 Increase	16-17 Total Recommended	Estimated Additional Served
Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund	Coordinated services to maintain housing and improve self-sufficiency for Minnesotans experiencing long-term homelessness	11.7M	11.7M	\$6.5M	\$18.2M	300 additional households
Homeless Youth Act	Housing and services for youth who are homeless or at-risk	\$4.238M/ \$5.238M	\$6.238m	\$4M	\$10.238M	
Housing with Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness	Grant program for housing developers, county mental health authorities and tribes to increase the availability of supportive housing options	\$3M	\$3M	\$5M	\$8M	1,000 additional households
Transitional Housing Program	Time-limited housing and services for families and individuals who have been homeless	\$6.5M	\$6.5M	\$3M	\$9.5M	400 additional households
Emergency Services Program	Services and emergency shelter for homeless Minnesotans	\$1.188M	\$1.188M	\$1M	\$2.188M	2,000 additional individuals
				TOTAL FOR DHS: \$19.5M proposed increases		

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