



2018 Legislative Agenda

Summary of Policy Proposals by Topic

Bonding

Secure \$130 million in bonds for housing, \$30 million in Public Housing Rehabilitation Bonds (GO), and \$100 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB). The proposal also addresses preservation of federally subsidized housing, housing with supportive services, single-family homeownership, and construction of new affordable housing.

Proposal submitted by: Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and Family Housing Fund

Length: One year

Requesting: Legislative agenda

Appropriations

Secure \$5 million for an existing fund that provides grant funds to residents, government or nonprofit-owned manufactured home parks to replace failing infrastructure in Minnesota manufactured home parks. The proposal addresses manufactured home park preservation and the conversion of manufactured home parks from private owners to nonprofit and resident cooperative ownership.

Proposal submitted by: Northcountry Cooperative Foundation

Length: Multiyear

Requesting: Legislative agenda or endorsement

Secure a \$10 million biennial appropriation, included in the base budget for the Homework Starts with Home program. Homework Starts with Home is a multi-agency collaborative and is part of an effort to implement *Heading Home: Minnesota's Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. The proposal addresses student homelessness.

Proposal submitted by: Class Act Coalition

Length: Multiyear

Requesting: Legislative agenda

Secure \$2 million for the Bridges program. Bridges provides eligible recipients with temporary rental assistance payments and security deposits. The proposal supports housing assistance for people with very low incomes and a serious mental illness while they wait for a Housing Choice Voucher or another rental subsidy.

Proposal submitted by: NAMI
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Secure \$3 million for housing with supportive services. In housing with supportive services, people live in a house, apartment or similar community setting, alone or with others. Residents may receive visits from mental health staff or supportive services for the purpose of meeting or assisting with residential responsibilities. The proposal supports permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness.

Proposal submitted by: NAMI
Length: One year
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Secure \$2.1M to provide a state match to communities that establish and dedicate resources to local housing trust funds (LHTF). \$100,000 dollars would be set aside to provide technical assistance to communities needing additional support in establishing a LHTF. The proposal addresses local agency to address and prioritize local community housing needs.

Proposal submitted by: Minnesota Housing Partnership
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Increase the base rate of Group Residential Housing (GRH) monthly payments for supportive housing. The current monthly base rate of \$893 is used to pay the housing provider for rent, utilities, food, household supplies, and other items needed to provide room and board to recipients. \$893 a month barely meets rent requirements in certain areas. The fiscal total of the proposal is unspecified. The proposal addresses housing costs for individuals at risk of institutional placement or homelessness.

Proposal submitted by: Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Secure additional funding for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance program and Housing Trust Fund Vouchers, programs administered by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Secure additional funding for the Office of Economic Opportunity for Transitional Housing, Homeless Youth Act, Community Support Program, and Supportive Services for the Long-Term Homeless, which are programs administered by Minnesota

Department of Health and Human Services. Fiscal totals unspecified. The proposal addresses long-term homelessness.

Proposal submitted by: Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, Inc
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Policy

Amend Housing Infrastructure Bond (HIB) legislation to make senior housing an eligible use of HIB. The proposal supports the new construction of affordable multifamily housing with support services for seniors.

Proposal submitted by: MN NAHRO
Length: One year
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Reinstate the renter's credit for manufactured home park residents of resident-owned communities. This policy would correct legislation from 2010 that stripped resident-owned communities of this benefit. The proposal addresses manufactured homeowner benefits.

Proposal submitted by: Northcountry Cooperative Foundation
Length: One year
Requesting: Legislative agenda or endorsement

Support the League of Minnesota Cities' effort to enable pooling tax increment financing (TIF) limits on a cumulative basis, rather than on an annual and cumulative basis. A recent interpretation from the Office of the State Auditor states that there is an annual limit on TIF pooling of 35% of annual revenue derived from the TIF district. However, many cities had assumed that the limit is cumulatively 35% of the revenue derived from the TIF district over the life of the district. The amount that can be pooled cumulatively can be significantly greater than annual pooling. The proposal supports the preservation, rehabilitation, and new construction of affordable housing and other community development efforts by cities utilizing TIF pooling.

Proposal submitted by: City of Minneapolis
Length: One year
Requesting: Endorsement

Dedicate the growth in the mortgage registry and deed transfer taxes to fund a workforce homeownership fund administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Capture of the growth in the mortgage registry and deed transfer taxes would sunset in ten years. The proposal addresses acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of single-family homes, preservation of manufactured housing communities, and housing related infrastructure investments.

Proposal submitted by: Workforce Homeownership MN (WHOM)
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Eliminate a provision in the current Right of First Refusal (ROFR) statute which allows park residents to lose their ROFR if a park owner illegally sells the park in violation of a statute that is intended to provide ROFR for residents seeking to purchase and preserve parks that are being sold to a buyer who intends to close that park community. The proposal addresses the loss of affordable housing resources and fosters the purchase of parks by cooperatives and non-profits.

Proposal submitted by: All Parks Alliance for Change, AEON, and Housing Justice Center
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Adopt an Opportunity to Purchase to provide residents with a right to make an offer to purchase a park before it is sold. The proposal addresses the loss of affordable housing resources and fosters the purchase of parks by cooperatives and non-profits.

Proposal submitted by: All Parks Alliance for Change, AEON, and Housing Justice Center
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda

Support S.F. 350 and H.F. 490. These bills amend the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; amend landlord requirements for renting residential property; create the Dustin Luke Shields Act; amend lead disclosures and radon disclosures; provide property tax benefits for lead hazard remediation; provide a civil cause of action; and appropriate money for lead remediation and healthy homes grants. The proposal addresses lead paint remediation and recourse for lead poisoning from housing with lead paint.

Proposal submitted by: Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH) and Mission to the Streets
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda or endorsement.

Remove the current requirement that organizations receiving GRH and Supplemental Rate 2 funding must receive legislative approval. And make the 500+ county-available Supplemental Rate 2 funded beds that are underutilized. The proposal addresses inefficiencies by removing barriers to providing emergency housing to eligible individuals.

Proposal submitted by: Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
Length: Multiyear
Requesting: Legislative agenda or endorsement

Taxes

Establish a loan pool to promote the development and preservation of affordable multifamily housing projects. Contributions from taxpayers with state tax liability will capitalize the loan pool. In exchange for contributions to affordable housing, participating taxpayers receive a credit against their state income tax liability equal to their contribution to a specific development or the general loan pool. The program relies on taxpayer support to provide low-cost financing to develop multifamily housing. The proposal addresses preservation, rehabilitation, and new construction of affordable multifamily housing.

Proposal submitted by: Tax Credit Group

Length: Multiyear

Requesting: Legislative agenda

Unspecified

Align with other coalitions like Prosperity for All and Second Chance coalitions. Other suggestions include Medicare, state health insurance programs, and transportation.

Proposal submitted by: Alliance Housing

Length: One year

Requesting: Endorsement

Seeking Legislative Agenda

- \$130M in bonds for housing w/ senior housing as new eligible use
- \$10M biennial base appropriation for Homework Starts with Home
- Dedication of the growth in the mortgage registry and deed transfer taxes to fund workforce homeownership
- \$2M for Bridges
- \$3M for Housing with Supportive Services.
- The Opportunity to Purchase proposal provides residents with a right to make an offer to purchase a park before it is sold.
- Eliminate a provision in the current Right of First Refusal (ROFR) statute which allows park residents to lose their ROFR if a park owner illegally sells the park in violation of a statute that is intended to provide ROFR for residents seeking to purchase and preserve parks that are being sold to a buyer who intends to close that park community.
- \$2M for a state match to incentive local communities to dedicate resources to local housing trust funds.
- Increase in base pay for Group Residential Housing
- Additional funding for FHPAP, Housing Trust Fund Vouchers, Transitional Housing, and Homeless Youth Act
- Tax credit

Seeking endorsement

- TIF cumulative pooling clarification in statute
- Supporting other coalitions

Seeking either

- Extending renter's credit to residents of resident-owned manufactured home parks
- \$5M for grants to resident-, government- or nonprofit-owned manufactured home parks to repair or replace failing infrastructure systems
- Grants for healthy homes and various lead paint amendments
- GRH and Supplemental Rate 2 approval reform