

## Homes For All 2018 Policy Agenda Proposal Application

Thank you for applying to have your organization's policy proposal considered by Homes For All for possible inclusion on its 2018 policy agenda. This application form, plus the Core Values Alignment Table, must be completed in full for every proposal to be considered. Completed application forms must be emailed to Homes for All Policy Committee Co-Chairs ([Libby](#) & [Fatima](#)) by **October 26, 2017**. *Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.*

Name of organization: Stepping Stone Emergency Housing

Brief description of your proposal:

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Julie Jeppson went through the required legislative approval process to receive GRH Supplemental Rate 2 funding. Though successful, the process was extremely time consuming and tedious for both the Ms. Jeppson and those legislators on the various Human Services Committees who had to listen to the testimony of numerous organizations who were going through the same process as Stepping Stone. The current process put in place is archaic, unnecessarily time-consuming, and highly unproductive considering the majority of the projects had full, bipartisan support.

GRH and Supplemental Rate 2 funding is given from the state, but distributed and controlled by each individual county. I am proposing that we remove the currently required legislative process, which generates brand new Supplemental Rate 2 funding, and take the 500+ county-available Supplemental Rate 2 funded beds (otherwise known as "banked beds") that are available but not being utilized by various counties throughout MN. These banked beds are protected by and grandfathered into state funding, but for one reason or another are not being utilized by the MN counties who currently have control over them.

Is this a multi-year proposal, or targeted for only one year? This proposal is targeted for however many legislative cycles needed to get the process changed.

What level of support are you requesting from Homes for All: Legislative Agenda or Homes for Endorsement? As this process is new to Stepping Stone, we are requesting whatever level of support Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and its programs are willing to provide.

If you are requesting that Homes for All put this item on our Legislative Agenda, will your organization move this proposal forward even without the leadership of Homes for All? Will your organization commit to working on the policy agenda of Homes for All even if your proposal does not make it on the agenda this year? Stepping Stone Emergency Housing would like to continue this initiative; however, we would have far greater success with the support of Homes For All and other organization's backing.

What kind of resources are you able to bring to support advancement of your proposal?

(Example: dedicated lobbyist; community of engaged supporters; effective social media or communications plan; etc.) Stepping Stone will bring a dedicated lobbyist, resident representation, engaged volunteers, staff, Board members, and community stakeholders. We will also provide effective social media and communication via our online initiatives and marketing materials, which will be created and outline in our 2018 Development Plan.

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All proposals will be assessed to make sure they are consistent with the core values of Homes for All. Please review and complete the attached table and include it with your completed application form. Scoring on this table is one of several criteria used by Homes for All in determining our Legislative Agenda.