

Homes for All Policy Agenda Proposal Application

Name of organization: Minnesota Housing Partnership

Brief description of your proposal:

Minnesota Housing Partnership, a Minnesota nonprofit focused on improving home and community for all, is preparing a legislative proposal that, if adopted, will allow cities, counties, and regions to create Local Housing Trust Funds (LHTF). LHTFs are a consistent, flexible source of funds that allow communities to prioritize the housing developments that maximize benefit to local people. Communities can leverage LHTFs to attract additional resources from public and private organizations. Ultimately, LHTFs allow local jurisdictions to address a growing need for affordable housing and to make possible the projects that bring more investment, jobs, and people to the region. See the attached fact sheet for more information.

Is this a multi-year proposal, or targeted for only one year? Multi-year proposal and we are in the second year. Last year we were able to pass the enabling legislation, but needed to remove the state matching fund. This year we will be asking for the matching fund as well as expanding the ways local jurisdictions can access the match.

What level of support are you requesting from Homes for All: Legislative Agenda or Homes for Endorsement? Legislative Agenda.

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? Yes and yes. MHP is committed to working on passing a substantial bonding bill this year and will support H4A in its efforts.

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.) MHP's two full time lobbyists, community of engaged supporters and skilled communications department will be working on the LHTF proposal as well as other H4A initiatives this year.

Homes for All Policy Proposal Assessment: Core Values Alignment Criteria

Minnesota Housing Partnership Name of Organization: _____ Local Housing Trust Fund Proposal: _____				
Does this proposal support the continuum of housing and services?	Does this proposal strengthen the connection between housing and services?	Does this proposal reduce barriers/improve access to stable housing?	Does this proposal promote choice in housing?	
0 – Will directly and substantially contribute to the housing/services continuum by adding new or expanding/improving existing	10 – Will significantly strengthen existing connection in clearly articulated ways	10 – Will remove an endemic barrier or create a new point of entry for unmet needs or unserved population	10 – Will significantly expand the range of options for those who currently have very few available options	
5 – Will somewhat support the housing/services continuum but not substantially	5 – Will create new connection where none is currently	5 – Will help alleviate but not remove barrier, or provide some but not full access to stable housing	5 – Will provide some limited options that do not currently exist	
2 – Will have a nearly insignificant impact on the housing/services continuum	2 – Will parallel existing connection but not create new or expand existing connection	2 – May contribute minimal impact on barrier or provide slight improvement in access	2 – May provide insignificant increase in options, or rest on the assumption of free choice in market	
0 – Will have no impact on the continuum	0 – Does not appear it will strengthen the connection and/or will perpetuate existing separation	0 – Does not appear it will either remove barrier or increase access to stable housing	0 – Does not appear it will promote choice in housing	
Comments: Yes, the Local Housing Trust Fund would leverage new local funding which can be used to help all parts of the housing continuum.	Comments: Yes, the LHTF will strengthen existing connections by providing additional funding for housing and services	Comments: Local jurisdictions which chose to establish a LHTF can use the funding to create new housing for unserved populations. (I took off a few points because there is nothing saying they have to commit the money to that.)	Comments: Funds from LHTFs can be used to expand the number of housing options facing households throughout Minnesota	
10	8	8	7	Add Row Together for Total Score Here: <u>33</u>