

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 17, 2017**. *Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.*

Name of organization: Northcountry Cooperative Foundation

Brief description of your proposal: Most Minnesota manufactured home parks were built in the 1950's and '60's with private infrastructure systems. Since 1980, over 1,700 units of affordable manufactured housing in Minnesota have been lost to park closures, mostly related to infrastructure failure. Researchers estimate that another 1800 units will be lost in the near future if nothing is done to address the infrastructure problem. In the 2017 legislative session, the Minnesota legislature created a fund to be used to replace failing infrastructure in Minnesota manufactured home parks, but the legislature did not put any dollars into that fund. This proposal would be to allocate \$5 million in funding for the existing program to make grant funds available to resident, government or nonprofit-owned manufactured home parks to repair or replace failing infrastructure systems.

Is this a multi-year proposal, or targeted for only one year? Multi-year

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

We are asking that this proposal be part of the H4A 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?

We do plan to move forward with this proposal even without the support of H4A and plan to hire a lobbyist to assist us. We will actively support the full H4A policy agenda regardless whether this proposal is on the H4A legislative agenda

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.)

We will engage an outside lobbyist to help advance our proposal, and we have three staff members who plan to be active at the legislature this session. In addition, we plan to engage the residents of the eight resident-owned manufactured home communities we work with to support our efforts. Finally, we have an active social media presence through Twitter, Facebook and our website, which we will use to advance this proposal, we have recruited a group of approximately thirty state legislators who are

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interested in manufactured housing to sponsor and support our efforts, and we have a robust communications plan to raise awareness of and support for our efforts.

Homes for All Policy Proposal Assessment: Core Values Alignment Criteria

Name of Organization: Northcountry Cooperative Foundation			
Proposal: Funding for Manufactured Housing Infrastructure Repair and Replacement			
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?
10 – 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

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<p align="center">Comments:</p> <p>Funding will help stem the accelerating flow of park closures.</p>	<p align="center">Comments:</p> <p>This proposal helps ensure that homeowners can count on basic services otherwise taken for granted - well-maintained roadways, no water main breaks / well-functioning water, sometimes new hydrant / home protection services, re-lined sewer pipe to avoid blockages and other loss of sewer service.</p>	<p align="center">Comments:</p> <p>Funding will help preserve very affordable housing—usually the most affordable, non-subsidized housing option</p>	<p align="center">Comments:</p> <p>Manufactured housing makes homeownership possible for many households who have no other homeownership options</p>
<p align="center">10</p>	<p align="center">10</p>	<p align="center">10</p>	<p align="center">Add Row Together for Total Score Here:</p> <p align="center">40</p>