# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

## Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund

The Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund, created by the Legislature in 2005, provides supportive services to help adults, families, and youth experiencing or at risk of long-term homelessness to find and maintain housing.

#### **Providing support by:**

- Funding services including case management, outreach, direct assistance, and navigation that help individuals and families obtain and retain their housing.
- Covering the state through seven multi-county and multi-tribal collaboratives.
- Connecting Minnesotans who are experiencing or at risk of long-term homelessness with state and federal resources to ensure long-term success.

### Serving people in state fiscal year 2019:

- 3,167 Minnesotans were served by the program.
- 1,792 households were served, of which 65% were single adults and 35% were families.
- People of color made up 66% of the population served.
- 47% of the people served were children under age 25; unaccompanied youth made up 8% of the population.
- About three-quarters of the households were in Greater Minnesota, with the remaining one-quarter of households in the Twin Cities seven-county metro area.
- 69% of households were on the streets or in a shelter for more than 12 months in the three years prior to entering the program.
- 63% of all participants had a mental health problem; 72% of all participants had a long-term disability.

#### Making a substantial impact in state fiscal year 2019:

- 53% of the people served gained at least one Department of Human Services public assistance benefit after entering the program; 10% gained their first public assistance benefit.
- 41% of adults had employment while in the program; 26% of adult participants gained employment after starting in the program.
- More than half of the people who entered homeless gained housing within 30 days after entry into the program.
- The average length of time for a participant to remain in the program was four years.
- Participants from 74 counties were enrolled in the program.



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