

Sustain The Gain

Safeguarding decades of housing progress and stability for Minnesotans

February 25th, 2025

Re: HF 3425 Supportive housing providers grant appropriation

Dear Chairs Howard and Igo and Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

Stakeholders across Minnesota support HF 3425 to safeguard decades of housing progress and stability for Minnesotans.

For over two decades, Minnesota has invested millions of dollars in creating a homeless response system that provides stable housing and support for people with disabilities, older adults, workers, veterans, families, and individuals who have experienced long term homelessness.

Today, due to state and federal funding changes, payment delays and rising costs threaten the ability of Minnesotans to stay in their homes, which will increase the pressures on shelters, hospitals, law enforcement, property owners and local governments. Without short-term stabilization, housing and essential services across Minnesota's Homeless Response System are at risk including rental assistance, supportive services and the planning and data systems that keep the statewide response functioning.

HF 3425 would expand eligible for the uses for the existing Strengthening Supportive Housing (SSH) funds at Minnesota Housing and expedite the deployment of these resources to meet the communities' immediate needs.

We urge your support for HF 3425 to maintain housing stability and protect core housing and service infrastructure in Minnesota.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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February 25th, 2026

RE: HF 3425 Supportive Housing Stabilization

Chair Igo, Howard, and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to express our strong support for HF 3425, which provides critical emergency funding for supportive housing providers across the state.

Beacon is a nonprofit housing provider, developer, and collaborative of congregations with 24 buildings that offer affordable homes to over 1,200 people. We primarily operate supportive housing, which provides safe and stable homes paired with on-site services for the most vulnerable Minnesotans who have experienced homelessness.

As we enter the 2026 legislative session, Minnesota faces a pivotal moment for our families and future generations. Our state has proven that when people have stable, affordable homes and access to coordinated services, homelessness is solvable. Across Republican and Democratic administrations, we have invested in these results, but those achievements are now under threat.

Recent instability in the federal Continuum of Care (CoC) program, the primary federal source for supportive housing operations, has created an immediate crisis. State services funding has also disappeared with the closure of state programs designed to support housing stability. With the loss of these two sources, supportive housing across the state is threatened.

Over 400 Beacon residents, many of them children and all of whom have recently transitioned from homelessness, rely on CoC funding for the stability of their homes. It is critical that we act to protect and stabilize these homes and thousands like them across the state.

We urge you to pass HF 3425 immediately to deploy these emergency funds and to work with the *Sustain the Gain* campaign on longer-term solutions to coordinate and increase state operating and service dollars for supportive housing to protect, sustain, and grow proven solutions to homelessness.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Helvick Anderson".

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