

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES BUILD, PRESERVE & INVEST IN MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES

Serve Minnesota Communities

Every day, housing authorities provide affordable housing and support livable communities for Minnesotans through a variety of programs funded by federal, state and local resources. Minnesota NAHRO represents over 150 of these agencies located throughout the state.

Invest Locally

HRAs invest at the local level by addressing the community redevelopment & affordable housing needs of low and moderate income households. HRAs bring important federal funding to their communities including public housing, housing choice vouchers and low income housing tax credits. These federal resources help communities provide affordable housing for many of their most vulnerable households including seniors and those with disabilities.

Preserve Affordable Housing

Through the rehabilitation of public housing, HRAs preserve this important community asset and provide shelter to more than 36,500 Minnesotan statewide. Public housing is a critical piece of the housing continuum, providing homes to our most vulnerable community members; seniors, children, veterans, and people with mental or physical illness or disability. By providing stable homes for those who often face the biggest barriers, public housing reduce costs in other areas like shelters.

Increase Housing Stability

HRA programs provide resources so residents can remain in their homes. HRAs provide resources to homeowners so they can rehab their home to address health and safety issues. HRAs also deliver foreclosure counseling to help families facing economic hardship. And HRAs provide rental assistance to low income Minnesotans who pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing and do not have enough income to cover basic necessities like transportation and groceries.

Public/Private Partnerships

HRAs partner with the private and non-profit sector to deliver programs and services. Partnerships include working with local developers and funding partners to provide affordable workforce and senior housing; access to support services to help residents in need; and the coordination of family supports for households with school age children experiencing homelessness.

Ensure Economic Vitality

HRAs play a critical role in their communities to support job growth and lead community revitalization through programs such as DEED Small Cities Program, DEED Redevelopment Grant Program and the Minnesota City Participation Program delivering low interest loans to homeowners.

GO Bonds for Publicly Owned Housing Rehab (POHP)

- We are grateful that the Legislature provided funds to develop affordable housing and to rebuild existing public housing units throughout Minnesota.
- G.O. bonds for public housing preserve our investment in existing units, a majority of the funding goes to projects located in Greater Minnesota.
- Public housing rehab funds are used for major capital improvements to address health, safety and energy efficiency such as new roofs, boilers or elevators.
- In the last four funding cycles of the POHP, \$45.5 million has been awarded for the rehabilitation impacting 6,612 publicly owned units. This represents only 13% of the Immediate Critical Needs investment identified.

GO Bonds for Public Housing Rehabilitation Awards

Year	Amount	# of Projects	# of Units	Project Status
2012	\$5.5 million	14	950	All projects complete
2014	\$20 million	35	2,438	All projects complete
2017	\$10 million	27	1,844	All projects complete
2018	\$10 million	16	1,380	All projects complete or under construction
Total	\$45.5 million	92	6,612	
2020	\$16 million	TBD	TBD	RFP issued January 2021

Critical Needs Assessment of Publicly Owned Housing

Based on the March 2019 report, public housing has Total Immediate Critical Needs of \$354,952,433 or \$16,790 per unit.

Projected Public Housing Critical Needs				
	Immediate	5 years	10 years	Total
Survey	187,702,015	103,089,867	136,011,290	426,803,172
Extrapolation	167,250,418	91,700,037	121,153,199	380,103,654
Total	354,952,433	194,789,904	257,164,489	806,906,826

POHP Language Update Needed to Leverage HUD Financing Tools

POHP was created before there were many HUD financing tools available. Clarification is needed that publicly owned housing includes public ownership structures required by HUD financing tools. This update will ensure compatibility & allow HRAs to use all available tools while still maintaining public ownership.