



March 2, 2021

**Re: Support for community reinvestment and general fund resources to address housing preservation.**

Chair Hausman and members of the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to voice our support for legislation that supports community reinvestment efforts to rehabilitate and preserve existing homes. The increase in grant amounts for rehabilitation loans outlined in HF 1084 (Agbaje) and HF 1252 (Hausman) will provide more resources for low- and moderate-income homeowners seeking to rehabilitate and preserve their homes through Minnesota Housing's rehabilitation program.

The League supports state resources that bolster local efforts to reinvest in aging housing stock. In addition to preventing neighborhoods from falling into disrepair, preservation and rehabilitation of existing residential structures is key in our efforts to ensure adequate affordable housing opportunities for residents.

State programs that address housing rehabilitation such as the rehabilitation program addressed in HF 1084 and HF 1252 play a key role in ensuring neighborhoods remain vibrant and assist existing local reinvestment efforts. We support legislation that continues to provide resources to these programs and make available more resources for qualifying homeowners seeking to rehabilitate and preserve their homes.

Please join us in our support of HF 1084 and HF 1252. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Lightfoot'.

Daniel Lightfoot

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League of Minnesota Cities