

2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Minnesota can address the **FULL CONTINUUM** of housing needs and ensure homes for all.

Minnesota must address our state's housing and supportive services needs. As Minnesotans, we believe that every resident deserves equitable access to safe, affordable, and accessible homes and shelter. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of housing stability, now more than ever. Even before the pandemic, half a million Minnesota households were spending more than 30% of their income on housing, leaving them unable to cover basic necessities like transportation and groceries. Minnesota can and must address the Full Continuum of housing needs. *Join us in support of our Legislative Agenda and help ensure Homes for All.*

Policy Priorities *\$ denotes funding priorities*

Protecting Rights and Advancing Equity

Stronger tenant rights and a focus on ending housing inequities are key to equitable access to safe, affordable, and accessible homes and shelter. Eviction reforms, shelter rights, and an end to discrimination based on how a person pays for housing are key strategies.



- Shelter Residents Bill of Rights
- Source of Income Discrimination
- Eviction Reforms (Pre-eviction notice and expungement)
- COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium

Advancing Ownership and Wealth-Building

Homeownership is a key to building wealth for many Minnesotans. But current and historical discriminatory practices have blocked communities of color from accessing ownership. Programs that assist low-income families with ownership are key to eliminating these disparities.



- Manufactured Home Parks Opportunity for Purchase
- Workforce Homeownership Minnesota Program (\$)

Creating and Preserving More Homes

Minnesota is facing a shortage of homes of all kinds, but the gap for lower-income families is especially acute. We need a diversity of options to spur the preservation of existing affordable homes and the development of new affordable homes.



- Deeper Affordability New Use for Bonding
- Longer Terms of Affordability
- 4d Incentive Program (\$)
- Bonding (\$)

Providing Shelter and Support

No one should be without a safe place to sleep. Ever. But Minnesota lacks enough shelters to support those who need it, and the services needed to assist families on the verge of becoming unsheltered are inadequately funded.



- Bridges Rental Assistance (\$)
- Housing Supports Increase and Waiver (\$)
- Emergency Services Program (\$)
- COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Emergency Services (\$)

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INVESTING IN MINNESOTA'S PROSPERITY

Investing in housing is not only the right thing to do, but it's the smart thing to do. In Greater Minnesota and our urban areas, economic development and community vitality rely on adequate homes that are affordable to **all** our hardworking families. But there isn't one kind of housing that fits the needs of every Minnesotan. From a homeless veteran to a first-time homebuyer, we must address **needs along the full continuum of housing**. These investments help **communities throughout the state** address housing needs and build financial assets.

Prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, and improve stability for homeless and highly mobile students



Projects like Children's Village Center happen because of investments by the Legislature!

Build and preserve affordable rental homes for working families, provide rental assistance to kids and families, and ensure tenant's rights

Prepare first-time homebuyers and provide down-payment assistance to families with low to moderate income



Homes for All is comprised of 270+ organizations representing every county in Minnesota. Our endorsing members represent affordable housing developers, shelter providers, organizations led by people with lived experiences, tenants' rights organizations, mental health and disability organizations, faith communities, local units of government, philanthropic organizations, and many more. Like the coalition, our agenda is broad because Homes for All represents the full continuum of housing. We believe every part of the continuum is critical for stabilizing Minnesotans and the communities they call home.