



February 26, 2025

Re: Resources to support critical infrastructure necessary for housing development across the housing spectrum

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

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to voice our support for HF 1143 (Howard), which would provide additional resources to support the Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure program. The additional \$5 million in general fund resources will allow this new program to assist a broader swath of greater Minnesota cities with preparing residential sites for development and help defray the costs for the public infrastructure necessary to support new housing development across the state.

While local communities across Minnesota are focusing on local efforts to attract development and encourage growth, the infrastructure necessary to support and accommodate new housing developments and the new residents that come with them can be a challenging and costly hurdle for both cities and the development community. Funding for infrastructure grants available to cities to assist with the cost of providing critical infrastructure will help ensure that residential sites are shovel ready for development and will pave the way for new housing construction that supports local economic growth and provide more housing opportunities for residents.

We thank Senator Hauschild and Senator Port for their support in providing additional resources for housing infrastructure grants to support local government efforts in attracting development. The \$5 million in general fund resources called for in HF 1143 will help support new housing developments across the state.

Thank you for your consideration and we encourage members to support HF 1143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Lightfoot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Lightfoot
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