

# 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.