

What are MICAHA's Legislative priorities? To advocate and work for justice, equity, and mercy in implementing structural and systemic changes, including the use of our tax resources, so that everyone without exception has a decent, safe, accessible, and affordable HOME!

**MICAHA 2016 updated Legislative Agenda (Bolded items top priorities)**

**1. Investment into the HOME Law:**

**In the 2014 Session the Housing Opportunities Made Equitable (HOME)**

**Bill became law. The law provides development and re-development of affordable homes, longer term homeownership and family stabilization training opportunities and financing opportunities for People of Color, Hispanic/Latinos, and Americans Indians. MHFA has invested \$26.05 Million into HOME Law Activities over the last 3 years.**

**HF2238 SF 2130: \$10 Million Bonding,**

**HF 997 SF 282: \$3 Million Homeownership Training, \$4 Million Mortgage financing for homeownership, \$10 Million appropriations- Building/Rehab/ Acquisition**

**2. Homes for All: HF 2784 SF 2410 \$130 Million Bonding proposed Actual split out of funding is still not determined. MICAHA supports \$40 Million Senior Housing.**

**3. Equity and Affordable Housing**

**a. HF 3025 SF 2816 legislation that requires an Equity/Disparity Note on each bill.**

**b. SF 3111 HF 3625 Landlord Risk Mitigation Grant**

**c. HF 3377 SF 3167 Workforce and Affordable Homeownership Development Program**

d. Increase State Resources for Housing: Comparable bill to HR1662, Rep. Ellison bill, Common Sense Housing Investment- Mortgage Interest Deduction changed to Tax credit. Home Grown Initiative

e. Financial institutions must provide accessible, reasonable, equitable access to credit for all individuals, businesses, and communities, especially culturally diverse communities

f. Support Health Equity Report Recommendations (Health Department)

**g. SF311 HF335 Support diverse communities in accessing targeted Transitional and Housing subsidy funding. (Passed as a Priority in Housing Trust Fund in 2015)**

h. All State funding and free trainings must be accessible to all organizations. Capacity building funding must be available for culturally diverse groups to expand their capacity to access State resources.

i. All Parks Alliance for Change - statewide organization for Minnesota's 180,000 manufactured home park residents.

**j. SF1344 HF 1398 Safe Homes - Protect our Children from Lead in our homes.**

k. Accessibility: Expungement of Criminal Records and Unlawful Detainers (Second Chance) and - Support Universal designs

**4. Livable Incomes**

**a. SF 432 Double MFIP (public assistance grants) so families can afford housing. Increase public assistance for adults and unemployment benefits. GAAIN- Give Aid to All in NEED**

b. Sick and safe leave, and paid time off (Take Action)

**c. HF 98 Driver Licenses for Workers**

**5. Education: Support legislation that creates excellent integrated educational opportunities for children and adults, including job training throughout the State.**

**6. Civil Rights Enforcement**

**a. Increase funding to Minnesota Human Rights Department.**

**b. Fair Housing Testing (MN Housing and Met Council) Fair Lending Practices (JCA)**

**c. SF 355 HF 342 Restore the Vote for Felons who have completed their incarceration. (Second Chance, Re-Store the Vote, and Take Action)**

**7. Transportation: Funding should ensure affordable housing along the transit line, replacement of demolished housing, protections from tax and rent increases. People and businesses employed to develop should be community people and businesses matching at least the racial demographics of the neighborhood or metro area, whichever is higher.**