



MICAH Policy Breakfast

March 1, 2024

Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness

The Council is led by Lt. Governor Flanagan, Co-Chaired by Commissioners Harpstead and Ho, and includes the following agencies:

- Department of Administration
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Education
- Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Department of Health
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Revenue
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Housing
- Minnesota Management and Budget
- Office of Higher Education

Crossroads to Justice Plan

- On October 27, Interagency Council on Homelessness approved Crossroads to Justice Strategic Plan.
- The plan was co-developed with 10 paid consultants with lived experience of homelessness.
- It focuses strategies and actions the state can take to achieve five bold results.



<https://mich.mn.gov/crossroads-justice-strategic-plan>



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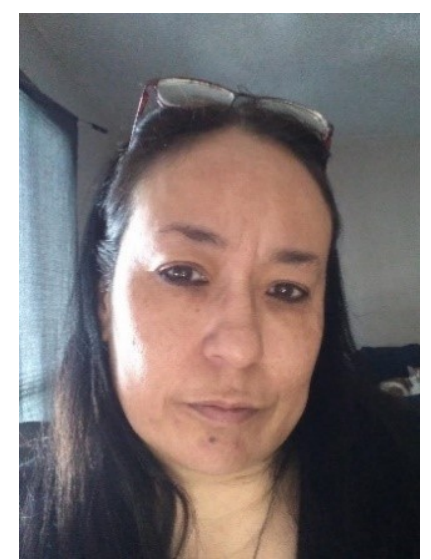
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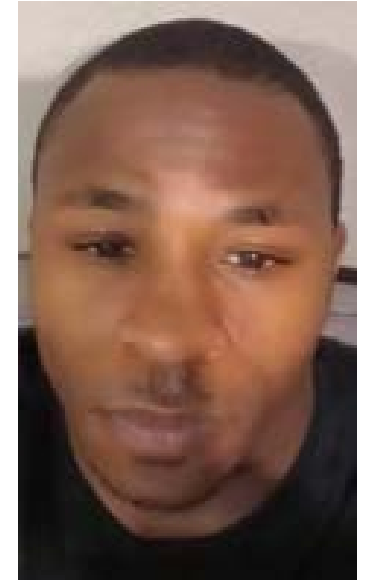
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Accepting Applications for Implementation Consultant

- The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness has contracted with Rainbow Research to support consultants that will help guide the implementation of Crossroads to Justice.
- Rainbow Research hiring 14 people who have experienced homelessness to join the implementation consultant group. Consultants will be paid \$60/hour for up to 25 hours of work per month.
- Rainbow strongly encourages individuals who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx, a person of color, LGBTQIA2S+, with a disability, and/survivors of domestic violence to apply.
- Rainbow is looking for people who are passionate about helping shape the way the state deals with the root causes and current needs of Minnesotan's experiencing homelessness.

Help Spread the Word

- Help us spread the word about this opportunity! Share the [informational handout](#) and [flyer](#)!
- To complete the short application online go to: <https://forms.gle/DpRXn8CJ6wnoBVo6A>
- **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:00 pm CST.** Rainbow Research will contact individuals that have been selected for a short interview.
- For assistance with completing the application or if you have any questions, send an email to: recruitment@rainbowresearch.org



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Interagency budget and policy results to fuel the Justice Plan

One Minnesota Budget



Housing Stability Budget

- Interagency investment of \$2.6 billion over the next 4 years
- Addresses the continuum of housing needs:
 - Preventing and ending homelessness
 - Creating a healthy rental market for low-income renters
 - Closing the disparities in homeownership.

Increasing Amount
of Housing &
Shelter

Addressing Affordability of
Housing

Increasing Accessibility of
Housing & Shelter

Ensuring Adequate
Services and
Supports

Housing Stability Budget at a Glance

Housing Stability Budget Summary by agency	FY 24-25 (millions)	FY 26-27 (millions)
Housing Finance	\$1,192	\$148
Human Services	\$286	\$192
Corrections	\$15	\$9
Tax Aids, Credits and Refunds (Revenue)	\$311	\$383
Veterans Affairs	\$9.2	\$3
Higher Education	\$6.5	\$6.5
Public Safety	\$3	\$2
Health	\$24.4	\$24.4
Capital Investment – Direct Allocations (DEED)	\$38.65	-
Grand Total	\$1,886	\$768

Review the full summary of proposals

<https://mich.mn.gov/one-minnesota-housing-stability-budget-summary-0>



Budget Implementation Updates: Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)

- Awarded \$100.5 million in the combined RFP awarded to 135 applicants (received \$285 million in requests). This is an increased in funds from \$35 million in FY 22-23.
 - Includes the Emergency Services Program (ESP), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Transitional Housing Program (THP), Homeless Youth Act (HYA).
- 45% of funding awarded in greater Minnesota and 55% awarded in metro
- New and expanded programs include:
 - Culturally-specific motel vouchers and services in St. Paul, Willmar and Austin
 - Day shelters in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Faribault, Mankato, Bemidji and International Falls
 - Overnight shelters in Hibbing, Anoka, Bois Forte, Marshall, Mankato, Minneapolis & St Paul
 - Many providers increasing staff ratios, training, and mental health support to improve housing outcomes

Budget Implementation Updates: Office of Economic Opportunity

- Emergency Shelter Facilities/Capital awarded \$100 million (received \$365 million in total requests)
- 47% of funds were allocated to greater Minnesota; 53% were allocated to the seven-county metro area.
- Anticipate* 373 beds will be added and 376 will be preserved, maintained, or improved in greater Minnesota; 218 beds will be added and 348 will be preserved, maintained, or improved in the metro.

**Subject to change. Currently working with providers to finalize workplans/budgets. Once all contracts are in place, the list of funded entities will be publicly available.*

DHS Changes to Adult Income Support

- The General Assistance community standard is increasing from \$203 to \$350 per month beginning 10/1/2024 and will increase annually with inflation.
- Housing Support recipients in most supportive housing settings will now be responsible to pay only 30% of their unearned income like SSI, RSDI, and VA benefits beginning 10/1/2024.
- People releasing from DOC facilities with a certified disability or disabling condition will have access to up to three months of eligibility for Housing Support with no countable income.

Minnesota Housing: Consolidated RFP Recommendations

Over **\$275 million** in state appropriated resources were selected at the December 14 Board meeting

- Rental: Housing Infrastructure, Challenge, Preservation (PARIF)
 - 28 rental properties this year, with 13 located in the Twin Cities metro and 15 in Greater Minnesota. The multifamily rental selections support a total of 1,486 units
- Homeownership: Housing Infrastructure, Challenge, Workforce Homeownership
 - 78 projects supporting a total of 1,314 homes. Of these, 278 homes are new construction, and 598 will be rehabilitations of existing homes.
- Manufactured Housing: Housing Infrastructure, Manufactured Housing Redevelopment/Infrastructure
 - \$21.5 million allocated in selections

Coupled with other resources this will create or preserve over 5,000 units.

Minnesota Housing: Committed Funding

Approved Selections

- Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) (and contract amendments for Fast Track FHPAP)
- Bridges Rental Assistance
- Housing Trust Fund Rental Assistance
- Homework Starts with Home
- Homeownership Education and Counseling (HECAT)
- Homeownership Capacity Grants
- Rental Rehab Loans – Greater Minnesota
- Stable Housing Organization Relief Program (SHORP) (New)
- Manufactured Housing Redevelopment/Infrastructure*
- 2023 Consolidated RFP funds
 - Housing Infrastructure*
 - Workforce Homeownership*
 - Preservation
 - Challenge*

**includes new funds*

Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Open now:

- State Housing Tax Credit Program and Contribution Fund
- Agency Downpayment Assistance
- Public Housing Rehab (POHP)
- Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing Development

RFPs/Funding in Next Few Months:

- Capacity Building Program
- Agency and Community-Based First Generation Downpayment Assistance
- 2024 Consolidated RFP



Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

- Operation: OVER (Opening Veterans to Every Resource)
 - Over \$131,000 in rental or mortgage assistance payments; \$32,000 in security deposit assistance; \$219,700 paid in landlord incentives including broadening screening criteria
- Minnesota Veterans Entering Stable Tenancy (MNVEST)
 - \$3.2 million in Veteran rental assistance; currently 120 Veterans receiving rental assistance
- Veterans Supportive Housing Options (VHSO)
 - 130 rental units secured with the funding
 - 48% decrease in Chronic or Long-Term Homelessness
 - MDVA controls access to ensures Veterans being screened are within priority group; 100% of Veterans screened through a screening rubric to track rental and Justice Involvement history, divert anyone who doesn't have high barriers to other rental units

Recent Request for Proposals

- Minnesota Housing Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program: RFP closed on February 22
- MDH Harm Reduction, Health and Housing Hubs: RFP Closed on January 31
- DHS Homeless Outreach and Housing Services for People with Mental Illness: RFP closed on January 31
- DPS Providing Safe Housing for Victims of Violence: RFP closed on November 28, 2023
- MDH Increasing Access to Syringe Services Programs: RFP closed on December 15, 2023

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Building new pathways to housing, racial, and health justice for people facing homelessness

One Minnesota Housing Stability Budget

The Governor has signed an interagency budget for housing stability that is biggest investment in housing and homelessness in state history! At over **\$2.6 billion dollars** across the next four years, it will have transformative impacts on the continuum of housing needs from preventing and ending homelessness, to creating a healthy rental market for low-income renters, to closing the disparities in homeownership.

[Housing Stability Budget Summary](#)

Crossroads to Justice Strategic Plan

On October 27, 2023, the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness, led by Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan and made up of the Commissioners of 14 state agencies, committed to Crossroads to Justice: Minnesota’s New Pathways to Housing, Racial and Health Justice for people facing homelessness. The plan is the culmination of a year-and-a-half-long process that was co-led by 10 paid Justice Consultants, all people with lived experience of homelessness representing different experiences and different parts of the state.

[Crossroads to Justice](#)

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Thank you!