

Before COVID-19, Minnesota was falling behind in providing its residents safe, affordable housing, a shortfall that is hitting every part of the state. Now, unemployment and increasing housing debt threaten to displace thousands, and the pandemic's economic and health impacts have amplified the crisis for Black, Indigenous, and households of color. MHP's 2021 policy agenda responds to the impacts of COVID-19, advocates increased investment to prevent displacement, and ameliorates the affordable housing shortfall.

Preserving the Homes We Have and Creating New Opportunities

Annually, Minnesota loses more affordable housing than it creates. Households below 50 percent of area median income are most impacted by displacement. And, the market produces the fewest new units for households at these incomes. Households struggling to find affordable housing often settle for poor quality housing and experience the highest rates of cost burden, overcrowding, evictions, and episodes of homelessness. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color households are disproportionately impacted by the inadequate stock of truly affordable homes.

4d Affordable Housing Incentive

Modify the tax classification and implement a uniform \$0.25 tax rate on affordable rental units. In partnership with the 4d alliance.

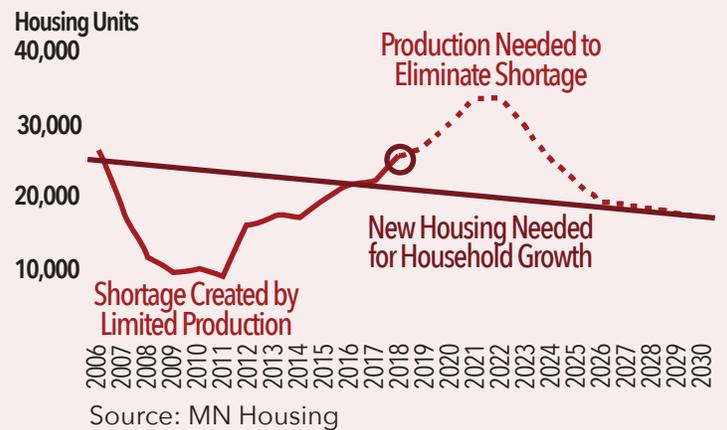
Local Housing Trust Funds

Encourage local jurisdictions to dedicate revenue in a local housing trust fund (LHTF) for affordable housing, including as a state match.

Tax Credit

An innovative new tool that encourages local businesses and neighbors to invest in their community by creating housing opportunities.

Housing Production Shortage



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Providing Housing Stability

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many households' housing cost burden. Families who were already struggling to afford housing have found themselves in greater jeopardy of experiencing homelessness. Throughout the pandemic, we've seen the impact that interventions like emergency housing assistance have had in keeping people in their homes. The Minnesota Legislature has a role to play in helping households that will not qualify under Federal COVID-19 programs.

Emergency Housing Assistance

Increase resources to prevent evictions and foreclosures and promote housing stability for households impacted by COVID-19.

Eviction Moratorium

Support policies to prevent evictions during COVID-19 restrictions and due to severe economic hardship caused by COVID-19.

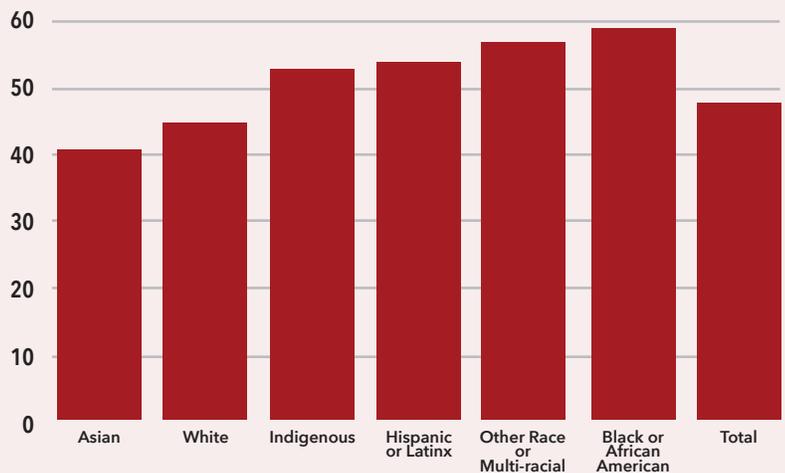
Bring it Home Campaign

Create a statewide rental assistance campaign that ensures that all households below 30% AMI pay no more than 30% of their income on rent.

Manufactured Home Park Opportunity to Purchase and NOAH Acquisition

An Opportunity to Purchase law for manufactured home parks will help residents of parks purchase and convert their parks into cooperatively owned entities. Displacement caused by the loss of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing has devastating and long-term consequences for households. Acquisition funds to help purchase, preserve the affordability, and improve the quality of these homes is critical to ending alarming trends in displacement.

Housing Cost-burden is higher for BIPOC Minnesotans



Improving Access and Opportunity

Under-resourced renters face a variety of challenges to securing safe, decent and affordable housing. Too often, households with non-traditional incomes like Section 8 vouchers or other forms of housing assistance struggle to utilize their assistance because some landlords refuse to accept them. Often the denial of housing based on income serves as a pretext for a prohibited form of discrimination, disproportionately affecting renters of color, women and persons with disabilities. In Minnesota, an eviction action is often a permanent bar from housing, even if the case was dismissed or settled by all parties.

Ending Source of Income Discrimination

Amend Minnesota Human Rights Act to clarify that source of income discrimination encompasses all forms of housing assistance.

Eviction Expungement Reform

Increase access to eviction expungements to increase housing access and opportunity.

SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION IS BAD FOR MINNESOTANS. IT:

- Limits housing choices
- Concentrates poverty
- Limits wealth-building and social mobility
- Creates inequities in everyday life
- Impacts BIPOC communities the most