

INVEST IN MINNESOTA. INVEST IN FAMILIES. INVEST IN HOUSING.

MHP 2022 Policy Agenda

In 2022 we have the opportunity to create and save more homes than ever before, improve the condition of home for thousands, reduce cost burden, and alleviate housing disparities. We urge prioritization of housing stability for the lowest income families and Minnesotans of color who are disproportionately affected by displacement, poor quality, lack of new stock, and exclusion. Achieving this solutions-based agenda will result in healthy families, children thriving in school, jobs, and strong, diverse, and inclusive communities.

\$1B: Production & Preservation

Create More Homes

Proven programs and strategies targeted to families facing the greatest barriers and most severe cost burden are grossly underfunded, as are programs creating pathways to home ownership and wealth building. MHP urges lawmakers to prioritize:

- **Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB):** \$400M to create deeply affordable rental housing and single family homes, and preserve existing subsidized homes and manufactured home parks.
- **General Obligation Bonds (GO):** \$100M to ensure public housing residents' homes are in good condition.
- **Local Housing Trust Funds:** Matching funds for areas to dedicate local revenue to housing.
- **Upzoning with Affordability:** Remove single family zoning for more diverse housing options.

Save the Homes We Have

Thousands of Minnesotans in existing subsidized and non-subsidized houses are in jeopardy of losing their homes in the coming years and decade. And thousands of aging homes are so energy inefficient that they exacerbate housing cost burden and harm residents with toxins. MHP urges lawmakers to prioritize:

- **4d:** A uniform \$0.25 affordable rental home tax rate.
- **NOAH (Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing):** Funds to help purchase, preserve affordability, and improve quality of these homes, curtailing displacement.
- **Manufactured Home Park Opportunity to Purchase:** Help residents buy and convert to cooperative ownership.

\$1B: Access & Opportunity

Bring it Home

Create a statewide rental assistance campaign that ensures that all households below 30% AMI pay no more than 30% of their income on rent. The lowest income Minnesotans would no longer be severely cost burdened by rent, and could more easily afford necessities like food, clothing, transportation, and medical care.

Source of Income Protection

Clarify state law so that source of income discrimination encompasses *all* forms of housing assistance.

Pave the Way to Home Ownership

Provide resources for counseling and down payment assistance.

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