

\$2B IN 2023 AND A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR THE FUTURE

MHP 2023 Policy Agenda

Minnesota is stronger when everyone has a home. We have the opportunity to create and save more homes than ever before, improve the condition of homes for thousands, and alleviate housing disparities for the lowest-income families and Minnesotans of color into the future. The result: healthy families, children thriving in school, jobs, and strong, inclusive communities now and for generations to come.

A Constitutional Amendment for Housing

Dedicate ongoing funding for housing, increasing housing stability and affordability. This will create continued pathways to prosperity for Minnesotans: more households will own their own homes and be able to find safe, healthy homes they can afford.

Production & Preservation

Create More Homes

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

- **Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB):** \$750M to create deeply affordable rental housing and preserve existing subsidized homes and home parks.
- **Local Housing Trust Funds:** \$10M in matching funds for areas to dedicate local revenue to housing.
- **Challenge Fund:** Increase gap financing funds.

Access & Opportunity

Source of Income Protection

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

Emergency Rental Assistance

\$100M through the Family Housing and Prevention Program (FHPAP) to keep renters in their homes.

Rental Assistance

Invest in “Bring it Home, MN” to ensure low-income households pay no more than 1/3 of income on rent.

Save the Homes We Have

Thousands of Minnesotans in existing subsidized and non-subsidized homes are in jeopardy of losing them in the coming decade. And thousands of aging homes are so energy inefficient that they exacerbate housing cost burden and harm residents with toxins. Priorities are:

- **General Obligation Bonds (GO):** \$250M to ensure public housing residents’ homes are in good condition.
- **4d:** A uniform \$0.25 affordable rental home tax rate.
- **NOAH (Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing):** \$100M to help purchase, preserve affordability, and improve quality of these homes, curtailing displacement.

Support Agenda

MHP also supports these housing initiatives in 2023:

- Increase funds to build the capacity of organizations and communities to address housing challenges, including for housing studies.
- \$25M for unsubsidized multifamily projects to support families through the Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing Program.

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