

April 28, 2011

Request for Qualifications for Rehabilitation Loan Program

Minnesota Housing announces its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Rehabilitation Loan Program (RLP) & Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program (ELP).

The RLP is funded with federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, which requires competitive procurement of program lenders. The RFQ will solicit applications from eligible program lenders and will evaluate prospective program lenders' capacity and ability to deliver the RLP successfully. The ELP will be funded with repayments on the existing portfolio of state-funded RLP loans and will be used to address emergency and accessibility repairs. Eligible program lenders can apply for both the RLP and ELP, or just the RLP, but cannot apply for the ELP only.

Eligible program lenders include:

- A political subdivision,
- A nonprofit entity as defined by Minnesota Housing,
- A housing and redevelopment authority, or
- Other organization designated by Minnesota Housing, which has as a primary purpose the provision or development of affordable housing to low income persons or households in Minnesota.

Eligible program lenders will be evaluated on:

- Past performance and production in the RLP and/or other similar single family rehabilitation programs;
- Ability to perform inspections in accordance with Minnesota Housing's adopted Rehabilitation Standard;
- Ability to partner with a State Building Code official to ensure compliance with the State Building Code;
- The competitiveness of their estimated per-unit soft costs needed to carryout the RLP; and
- Ability to leverage other funds, when available, to augment the RLP and complete the needed rehabilitation work (including weatherization funds, other local rehabilitation program funds, etc).

Selection of program lenders will also provide adequate coverage throughout the state in order to ensure that homeowners receive fair and equal access to RLP funding.

For an RFQ Application and RLP and ELP program information, please visit the [Minnesota Housing website](#).

RFQ Technical Assistance Available

Minnesota Housing will have three technical assistance sessions to review the RFQ requirements and answer questions applicant lenders may have.

Register Now!

- [St. Paul - Thursday, May 19, 2011 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Marshall - Thursday, June 9, 2011 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Fergus Falls - Thursday, June 23, 2011 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.](#)

Questions?

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Single Family Division Help Desk
651.296.8215 or 800.710.8871 (toll-free)
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (business days)

Updates to Single-Family RFP Materials

Updates were made to the Single-Family RFP [application](#) and [workbook](#) effective April 27. Applicants should utilize these updated materials for submission.

Web links to the [Community Profiles](#) and Single-Family technical assistance sessions are also updated.

- [Single Family RFP In-Person Training](#) - May 12, 2011
 - [Single Family RFP Webinar](#) - May 19, 2011
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Minnesota Housing Announces Release of Homeownership Education, Counseling and Training Fund (HECAT) Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Homeownership Education, Counseling and Training Fund (HECAT) provides financial support to eligible non-profit organizations to deliver a variety of homebuyer/homeowner education, counseling and training services to Minnesotans.

The [application, materials and instructions](#) for the HECAT RFP are now available.

Technical Assistance and Resources

Applicants are encouraged participate in a technical assistance session via conference call. Technical assistance sessions are available for the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 10, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 11, 10:00 am to 12 noon
- Thursday, May 12, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Participants do not need to pre-register for these sessions. [Download conference call dial-in numbers and code participant information](#) for the upcoming technical assistance sessions.

Applications are due **Wednesday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

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