

Program Overview

The Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) was established by the 1993 by the Minnesota Legislature. The program provides funds to twenty grantees statewide, including counties, tribal nations and nonprofit organizations.

Funds can be used for direct assistance (rent, utilities and other expenses) or services (housing search, support services, case management, independent living skills or other services) to households who are 200% or below the family poverty guidelines and homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The purpose of the program is to support continuing innovation and development of a comprehensive system to prevent homelessness and to assist people experiencing homelessness. With the primary emphasis on prevention, the goals of the program are to:

1. Prevent homelessness.
2. Minimize the number of days homeless.
3. Eliminate repeated episodes of homelessness.

Application Process

A competitive RFP is issued every two years in January. Funding for the next grant cycle begins July 1, 2019.

Terms

Eligible Applicants:

- Twin Cities metropolitan area: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties
- Non-metropolitan areas: A county, a group of contiguous counties jointly acting together, or a community based nonprofit organization with a sponsoring resolution from each of the county boards located within its operating jurisdiction
- Tribal nations

Eligible Recipients:

Low-income (no more than 200% of federal poverty guidelines) Minnesotans experiencing a housing crisis. Households may include families with or without children, youth/unaccompanied youth, and single adults. Grantees may create additional eligibility criteria to best meet identified community needs and to ensure that funding is sustained.



Ed & Rennie
FHPAP Recipients

Thank you for the gift that you have given us. Thank you for providing us with the comfort and stability that we honestly believed that we were going to lose over a very short period of time.

- Ed and Rennie, FHPAP Recipients

Hear their full story at www.mnhousing.gov > About Us > Prevent and End Homelessness

Eligible Activities:

The program provides Grantees with the flexibility to use the funds in the manner best determined to achieve the funding goals (see Minnesota Statute §462A.204 subd 4 requirements).

Funds are designed to be temporary and may be used for a broad range of purposes to promote housing stability and prevent or end homelessness including supportive services, direct financial assistance, and administration.

Contract Requirements:

A signed agreement between Minnesota Housing and the Grantee outlining the scope of services to be provided is required prior to funds being disbursed. Grantees are responsible for completing a Work Plan that will become an attachment to the funding agreement.

Reporting:

Including but not limited to: Quarterly Expenditure Report, Quarterly Output Report, Annual Report to the FHPAP-MICH subcommittee. Grantees use Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect household data and to complete reports.

Questions

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