



Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program

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Our Mission: The Core Purpose

Housing is foundational to a full life and a thriving state, so we equitably collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance housing that is affordable.

Why We're Here

- Housing impacts Minnesotans of all backgrounds in all corners of the state
- Housing touches all areas of life – education, health, jobs and more





Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program Overview

2025 Request for Proposals

Tier II Cities Grant Program

- Established to award grants of Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) funds to develop and preserve affordable housing and (in some cases) market-rate housing.
- Competitive grant process
- Expect most awards in the range of \$100,000-\$300,000+
- Ongoing program



Up to \$4.5 million
Two years of appropriations
in one RFP

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for application, Greater Minnesota Small Cities must:

- Have a population less than 10,000
 - Population near 10,000? If the city is certified to receive either LAHA or SAHA funds directly from the Department of Revenue as a Tier I city in the most recent aid year (2025), it is not eligible for Tier II funding.
- Be located in Minnesota and outside the 7-county Twin Cities metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties)



Qualifying Projects

QUALIFYING PROJECTS

- **Emergency Rental Assistance for households earning less than 80% AMI**
- **Financial support to nonprofit Affordable Housing Providers**
- **In limited circumstances, development of Market Rate Residential Rental Properties**
- **Operations and management of financially distressed residential properties**
- **Supportive services or staff of supportive service providers for supportive housing as defined in statute**
- **Affordable Housing Development and Financing**
 - **For homeownership projects, 115% of the greater SMI or AMI**
 - **For rental housing projects, 80% of the greater SMI or AMI**
 - **Lower limits if set by the Grantee to ensure the housing is affordable to the local work force**
- **Operating emergency shelter facilities**
- **Other projects approved by Minnesota Housing**

After Award: Program Expectations & Requirements



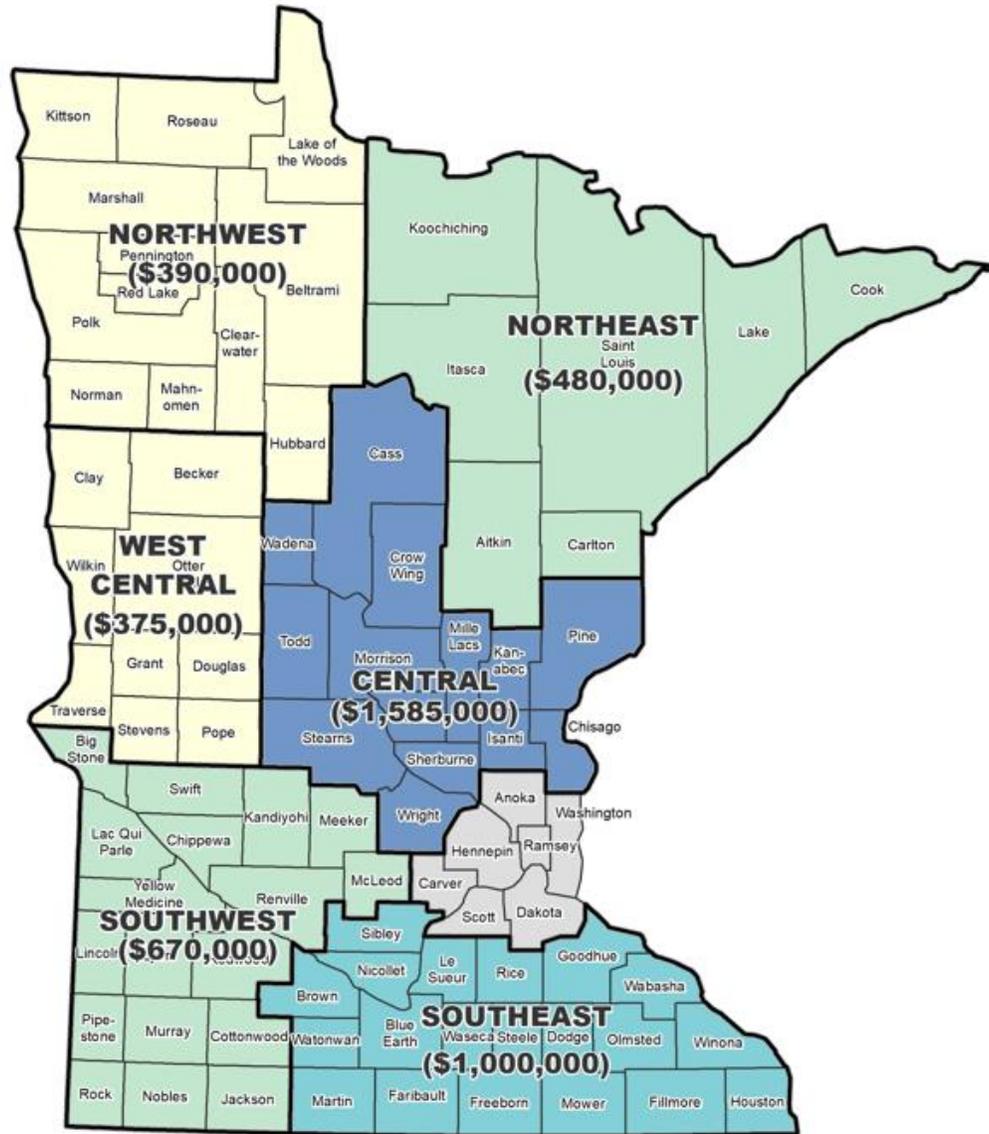
- Final Workplan & Budget
- Execute a Grant Contract Agreement
 - 4-year term
- Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Annual Reporting
- Monitoring & Financial Reconciliation

2025 RFP Dates

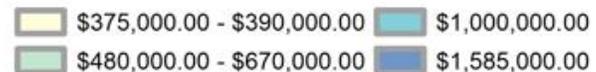
- Final call for questions **Friday, March 28 at 5 p.m.**
- Applications are due by **Thursday, April 24 at 5 p.m.**
- Selections in Summer of 2025
- Due diligence training and Grant Contract Agreements executed in late summer 2025



Regional Funding Allocations



Regional Allocation Up To:



Scoring Criteria

Commitments to Affordable and Workforce Housing 45 Points Total



- Commitment to use Program funds for Affordable Housing for Low-Income Households (15 points)
- Local policy actions to encourage Affordable Housing, workforce housing, and market-rate housing (15 points)
- Project and program readiness; proposal is to create new or expand existing programs/projects (15 points)

Scoring Criteria

Community Need 30 Points Total



- Number of low-income households as a share of all households (15 points)
- Number of cost-burdened households as a share of all households (15 points)

Scoring Criteria

Community Impact 15 Points Total



- Applicant demonstrates an understanding of the communities identified in the proposal and their opportunities, needs, and challenges. (5 points)
- The needs of the identified communities will be prioritized in the applicant's qualifying projects, such as through program design, housing design, or both. (5 points)
- Applicant includes people from Communities Most Impacted in project design, and/or plans to affirmatively market to people from Communities Most Impacted to deliver housing, goods, and services through qualifying projects. (5 points)

Scoring Criteria

Collaboration 10 Points Total

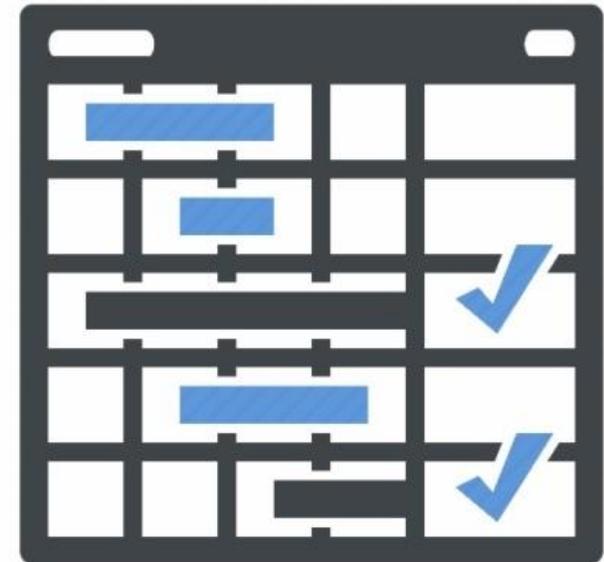


- Collaboration with counties, cities, and Tribal Nations (5 Points)
- Cross-sector collaboration (5 Points)

Application Checklist

All of the following checklist items must be completed properly and submitted in order for an application to meet the threshold criteria and be considered for funding:

1. Application (submit via Cvent)
2. Application Signature Page (upload via Cvent)
3. Pre-Award Risk Assessment Form (upload via Cvent)



Pre-award Risk Assessment



Pre-Award Risk Assessment for Political Subdivisions

**Political subdivision is defined as a county, town, city, school district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state authorized by law to enter into contracts.*

Per [Minn. Stat. §16B.981](#), Minnesota Housing is required to conduct a pre-award risk assessment of potential grantees requesting grant awards of \$50,000 or more. The information submitted by potential grantees will be used to assess the risk that a potential grantee cannot or would not perform the required duties of the grant. Minnesota Housing will review the potential grantee's past performance, tax returns, audits, principals, and standing with the Secretary of State.

Minnesota Housing will determine whether:

1. The potential grantee would likely be able to perform the duties of the grant without additional conditions,
2. The potential grantee would likely be able to perform the duties of the grant with additional technical assistance or conditions placed on the potential grantee, or
3. There is a substantial risk that the potential grantee cannot or would not perform the required duties of the grant.

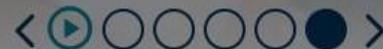
Where to find the Application & Forms

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- Homeownership**
 - Find a Lender
 - Buy or Refinance a Home
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 - Trouble Making Payments
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 - Community Initiatives Programs
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[Read our plans to Go Big so everyone can go home >](#)



Where to find the Application & Forms

<https://mnhousing.gov/local-government.html>



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Current Funding Available
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Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program ▲

Notice of Intent to Apply ▾

Request for Proposal (RFP) Application Materials ▾

Program Information ▾

Eligible Applicants ▾

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Application Materials

The Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program RFP application, forms, supporting documentation and pre-award risk assessment documents must be completed and submitted **no later than 5 p.m. Central time on Thursday, April 24, 2025** in order to be considered for funding.

- [Request for Proposal \(RFP\) Online Application](#)
- [Request for Proposal \(RFP\) Application Reference Document](#)
- [Request for Proposal \(RFP\) Application Instructions](#)
- [Application Signature Page](#)
- [Pre-Award Risk Assessment Form for Political Subdivisions](#)

Coming soon:

- Technical Assistance Webinar 1 of 2: Join us Wednesday, March 5, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. [Register here.](#)
 - Recording will be posted thereafter.
- Technical Assistance Webinar 2 of 2: Join us Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)
 - Recording will be posted thereafter.

Application Demo



Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program Request for Proposal (RFP) Application

About the Application

Before completing the Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program RFP Application, please review the [RFP Instructions](#) and [Program Guide](#) for program details, including eligibility requirements, eligible uses, definitions, and related program information.

How to Apply

Complete this application, including uploading all required items listed on the Application Checklist below, before the **Application Deadline of Thursday, April 24, 2025, 5 p.m. Central time.**

Application Checklist

eNews Sign-up

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website (mnhousing.gov)**
Local Government Housing
Programs

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Thank You!



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