



Bring It Home Program

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The following is a brief explanation of our methodology and initial estimate of the minimum grant amounts per Program Administrator for Bring it Home rental assistance followed by a table of those grant amounts. These are estimates for discussion purposes only and will change when more current data is incorporated and/or the Agency refines its allocation methodology.

Methodology

Program staff recommend that Tribal Nations that do not currently participate in the federal Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program be allocated funds through a set-aside. We prepared an analysis of need among renters likely to be served by Tribal Program Administrators to arrive at a set-aside of approximately \$3.1 million.

For non-Tribal Program Administrators, we are required to use the most recent data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) which is updated annually, we determined the number of eligible households (those who would be eligible for the Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program) by Program Administrator service area.

The number of eligible households was then multiplied by the average Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) provided by HUD (which was a point in time for the most recent year) to determine the amount of money needed to assist all eligible households, which totaled approximately \$163 million per month.

The need amount for each Program Administrator was then divided by the total amount of need to come up with a "share of need" for each Program Administrator's service area.

The share of need percentage was then multiplied by the total projected amount available (metro sales tax and appropriated funds) for the Bring It Home Rental Assistance program to determine each Program Administrator's grant amount. The metro sales tax funds will only go to the Program Administrators in the metro area, and the appropriated funds will largely go to Greater Minnesota with a small share potentially going to metro area.

Grant Amounts

The grant amounts reflected in the table below are the estimated minimum grant amounts per Program Administrator. As the program is a competitive grant program, Program Administrators would apply for funds and would be eligible to receive at least the minimum grant amount. The grant

amounts are reflected in the table as 12-month amounts, though the actual contracts may be for periods longer than 12 months.

From the minimum grant award, Program Administrators would cover their own costs to administer the program. The remaining grant funds would be used to pay rent assistance to property owners/managers to cover the difference between 30% of the household’s income and the unit rent. Per the statute, Bring it Home rent assistance can be used to cover rents up to 120% of the maximum rents allowed by HUD, also known as the payment standard.

The estimated number of vouchers reflects an estimated number of households that would be served at any given time with ongoing rent assistance payments. The actual number of vouchers will depend on rent amounts and household incomes, which may vary widely for each location and household and will change over time.

Table 1: Estimated Grant Amounts by Program Administrator with Range of Vouchers and Administrative Costs

Program Administrator	Minimum Grant Amount - Annual	Estimated Range of Vouchers Per Administrator	Estimated Range of Administrative Costs Per Administrator - Annual
Tribal Nations	\$ 3,140,250	337 - 404	\$462,072 - \$534,012
Aitkin County	\$ 185,597	20 - 27	\$31,740 - \$40,896
Albert Lea	\$ 132,617	14 - 19	\$23,640 - \$30,432
Austin	\$ 133,741	17 - 23	\$27,816 - \$35,664
Becker County	\$ 38,708	5 - 7	\$9,000 - \$12,360
Bemidji	\$ 377,622	38 - 51	\$55,284 - \$72,288
Big Stone County	\$ 16,424	2 - 3	\$3,600 - \$5,400
Bloomington	\$ 1,244,747	81 - 109	\$111,528 - \$148,152
Blue Earth County	\$ 63,021	5 - 7	\$9,000 - \$12,360
Brainerd	\$ 356,622	36 - 49	\$52,668 - \$69,672
Cass County	\$ 154,766	18 - 25	\$29,124 - \$38,280
Chippewa County	\$ 93,450	11 - 15	\$18,960 - \$25,200
Clay County	\$ 821,378	64 - 87	\$89,292 - \$119,376
Cloquet/Carlton	\$ 163,668	16 - 21	\$26,508 - \$33,048
Crookston Housing	\$ 95,484	10 - 13	\$17,400 - \$22,080
Dakota County	\$ 3,762,375	260 - 352	\$345,660 - \$465,996
Detroit Lakes	\$ 95,505	11 - 15	\$18,960 - \$25,200
Douglas County	\$ 223,785	26 - 35	\$39,588 - \$51,360
Duluth	\$ 1,508,825	112 - 151	\$152,076 - \$203,088
Faribault County	\$ 44,703	5 - 7	\$9,000 - \$12,360
Fergus Falls	\$ 179,374	19 - 25	\$30,432 - \$38,280
Grant County	\$ 16,573	2 - 3	\$3,600 - \$5,400
Itasca County	\$ 259,633	25 - 34	\$38,280 - \$50,052
Kandiyohi County	\$ 254,304	24 - 32	\$36,972 - \$47,436
Koochiching County	\$ 41,421	5 - 7	\$9,000 - \$12,360

Program Administrator	Minimum Grant Amount - Annual	Estimated Range of Vouchers Per Administrator	Estimated Range of Administrative Costs Per Administrator - Annual
Le Sueur County	\$ 113,985	12 - 17	\$20,520 - \$27,816
Mankato	\$ 728,393	60 - 81	\$84,060 - \$111,528
McLeod County	\$ 179,887	18 - 24	\$29,124 - \$36,972
Meeker County	\$ 60,380	8 - 10	\$14,040 - \$17,400
Metropolitan Council	\$ 15,096,324	813 - 1098	\$1,068,984 - \$1,441,764
Minneapolis	\$ 10,472,573	648 - 874	\$853,164 - \$1,148,772
Mora	\$ 594,461	51 - 69	\$72,288 - \$95,832
Morrison County	\$ 102,569	11 - 15	\$18,960 - \$25,200
Mower County	\$ 26,239	3 - 4	\$5,400 - \$7,200
New Ulm	\$ 89,739	11 - 15	\$18,960 - \$25,200
Northwest MN Multi-County	\$ 370,570	37 - 50	\$53,976 - \$70,980
Olmsted County	\$ 1,586,524	105 - 141	\$142,920 - \$190,008
Otter Tail County	\$ 96,327	11 - 15	\$18,960 - \$25,200
Owatonna	\$ 284,825	26 - 36	\$39,588 - \$52,668
Pipestone	\$ 87,633	9 - 13	\$15,720 - \$22,080
Plymouth	\$ 535,414	36 - 49	\$52,668 - \$69,672
Red Wing	\$ 206,578	17 - 23	\$27,816 - \$35,664
Renville County	\$ 46,699	6 - 8	\$10,680 - \$14,040
Rice County	\$ 397,992	34 - 46	\$50,052 - \$65,748
Richfield	\$ 474,580	34 - 45	\$50,052 - \$64,440
Scott County	\$ 991,066	67 - 90	\$93,216 - \$123,300
South Center Multi-County	\$ 515,127	48 - 65	\$68,364 - \$90,600
Southeast MN Multi-County	\$ 872,269	77 - 104	\$106,296 - \$141,612
St. Cloud	\$ 2,014,786	165 - 223	\$221,400 - \$297,264
St. Louis Park	\$ 673,428	42 - 57	\$60,516 - \$80,136
St. Paul	\$ 7,273,267	446 - 602	\$588,948 - \$792,996
Stearns County	\$ 648,543	55 - 75	\$77,520 - \$103,680
Stevens County	\$ 60,476	8 - 10	\$14,040 - \$17,400
Swift County	\$ 52,290	7 - 9	\$12,360 - \$15,720
Todd County	\$ 72,231	8 - 11	\$14,040 - \$18,960
Virginia	\$ 686,532	64 - 86	\$89,292 - \$118,068
Wadena	\$ 71,863	8 - 11	\$14,040 - \$18,960
Washington County	\$ 1,722,312	106 - 143	\$144,228 - \$192,624
Worthington	\$ 428,735	46 - 62	\$65,748 - \$86,676
Yellow Medicine County	\$ 18,722	2 - 3	\$3,600 - \$5,400