Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant Program –
Scale of Investment and Community Need Methodology

Scale of Investment

Scale of investment includes two separate measures to promote Qualifying Housing Developments that have meaningful impact relative to the size of their community.

Unit Production (up to 15 Points)

Unit production is scored based on the Net Unit Production created by the Qualifying Housing Development. The table below provides the number of points possible based on a community's population size.

Use data from the 2023 year at the Minnesota State Demographic Center's PopFinder for Cities and Townships to determine a community's population. If the project spans multiple cities, townships, or unincorporated areas, the total population of all intersected communities should be used.

Qualifying Housing Development is located within a city, township, or unincorporated area with a population of:	Net Unit Production	Points
2,000 or below	Any number	15
Between 2,001 and 5,000	6 or more units	15
	5 or fewer units	10
Between 5,001 and 10,000	15 or more units	15
	6 to 14 units	10
	5 or fewer units	5
Between 10,001 and 30,000	50 or more units	15
	20 to 49 units	10
	10 to 19 units	5
	9 or fewer units	0
30,001 and above	150 or more units	15
	60 to 149 units	10
	30 to 59 units	5
	29 or fewer units	0

"Net Unit Production" equals livable units planned to be added (new construction or substantial rehabilitation) less livable units planned to be removed (such as through condemnation or demolition).

Rural/Tribal Communities (up to 25 Points)

Applicants are eligible for up to 25 points based on the size of their community.

Use data from the 2023 year at the Minnesota State Demographic Center's PopFinder for Cities and Townships to determine a community's population. "Community" refers to the city, township or unincorporated area where the Qualifying Housing Development and Eligible Infrastructure Project are located. If the Qualifying Housing Development and Eligible Infrastructure Project area(s) span(s) multiple cities, townships, or unincorporated areas, the total population of all intersected communities should be used.

- **Scoring Tier 1 (25 points):** The project is within a city, township, or unincorporated area that has a population fewer than or equal to 2,000. Tribal Reservations and Dakota Communities are also considered Tier 1.
- **Scoring Tier 2 (15 points):** The project is within a city, township, or unincorporated area that has a population between 2,001 and 5,000.
- **Scoring Tier 3 (10 points):** The project is within a city, township, or unincorporated area that has a population between 5,001 and 10,000.
- **Scoring Tier 4 (5 points):** The project is within a city, township, or unincorporated area that has a population between 10,001 and 30,000.
- **Scoring Tier 5 (0 points):** The project is within a city, township, or unincorporated area that has a population greater than 30,000.

Community Need

Community Need is measured separately by the share of households that are cost burdened in a community and whether the community is located within a workforce housing area. "Community" refers to the city, township or unincorporated area where the Qualifying Housing Development and Eligible Infrastructure Project are located. If the Qualifying Housing Development and Eligible Infrastructure Project area(s) span(s) multiple cities, townships, or unincorporated areas, the score will be based on the intersected community scoring highest.

Large Share of Cost Burdened Households (up to 5 Points)

The first category evaluating community need is the share of all households in that community that are cost burdened by housing costs (rent/mortgage, taxes, insurance, and utilities). A cost burdened household spends 30% or more of its income on housing.

Applicants are evaluated for cost burden in comparison to other applicants in their region. The regional comparison helps to account for differences in cost burden found across the state. Map 1 highlights the definitions of regions under this category. All applicants fall into one of three scoring tiers, with the highest tier receiving 5 points.

- **Scoring Tier 1 (5 Points):** Top one-third of communities in the region that have the largest share of all households that are cost burdened. Tribal Reservations and Dakota Communities are also considered Tier 1.
- **Scoring Tier 2 (3 Points):** Middle one-third of communities in the region that have the largest share of all households that are cost burdened.
- **Scoring Tier 3 (0 Points):** Bottom one-third of communities in the region that have the largest share of all households that are cost burdened.

Table 1 provides scores by region and city for this scoring category. Minnesota Housing has omitted townships from this Table 1 to save space. For proposals where the Qualifying Housing Development and Eligible Infrastructure Project area(s) intersect a township and/or unincorporated area, Minnesota Housing's Planning, Research and Evaluation team will provide scores using consistent methodology.

Data Source: 2023 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates.

Map 1: Regional Map

Table 2: Cost Burden Households Scoring *(Sorted Alphabetically by Region and City Names)*

Region / City	Cost Burden Score	Region / City	Cost Burden Score	Region / City	Cost Burden Score
Central		Finlayson	3	Otsego	0
Albany	0	Flensburg	0	Paynesville	0
Albertville	0	Foley	3	Pease	3
Aldrich	0	Foreston	0	Pequot Lakes	3
Annandale	3	Fort Ripley	0	Pierz	5
Askov	5	Freeport	0	Pillager	0
Avon	0	Garrison	5	Pine	5
Backus	0	Genola	3	Pine River	5
Baxter	5	Gilman	3	Princeton	5
Becker	3	Grasston	0	Quamba	5
Belgrade	0	Greenwald	0	Randall	5
Bena	0	Grey Eagle	3	Remer	5
Bertha	0	Hackensack	5	Rice	0
Big Lake	3	Harding	5	Richmond	0
Bock	3	Harris	5	Riverton	0
Bowlus	3	Henriette	3	Rock Creek	3
Boy River	0	Hewitt	0	Rockville	0
Braham	5	Hillman	0	Roscoe	5
Brainerd	5	Hinckley	5	Royalton	3
Breezy Point	3	Holdingford	0	Rush City	5
Brook Park	5	Howard Lake	3	Rutledge	0
Browerville	5	Ironton	3	Sandstone	5
Bruno	5	Isanti	3	Sartell	3
Buckman	3	Isle	3	Sauk Centre	5
Buffalo	5	Jenkins	3	Sauk Rapids	3
Burtrum	5	Kerrick	0	Sebeka	5
Cambridge	5	Kimball	3	Shafer	3
Cass Lake	3	Lake Henry	0	Sobieski	3
Center City	0	Lake Shore	3	South Haven	0
Chickamaw Beach	3	Lastrup	0	Spring Hill	0
Chisago City	5	Lindstrom	0	St. Anthony	0
Clarissa	0	Little Falls	5	St. Augusta	0
Clear Lake	0	Long Prairie	3	St. Cloud	5
Clearwater	3	Longville	5	St. Joseph	5
Cokato	5	Manhattan Beach	5	St. Martin	3
Cold Spring	5	Maple Lake	5	St. Michael	0
Crosby	5	Meire Grove	0	St. Rosa	3
Crosslake	5	Melrose	3	St. Stephen	0
Cuyuna	3	Menahga	3	Stacy	5
Deerwood	5	Milaca	5	Staples	5
Delano	3	Monticello	3	Sturgeon Lake	0
Denham	3	Montrose	3	Swanville	0
Eagle Bend	0	Mora	5	Taylors Falls	5
East Gull Lake	0	Motley	0	Trommald	3
Elk River	3	New Munich	0	Upsala	3
Elmdale	3	Nimrod	0	Verndale	0
Elrosa	0	Nisswa	3	Wahkon	5
Emily	3	North Branch	3	Waite Park	5
Federal Dam	5	Ogilvie	5	Walker	5
Fifty Lakes	3	Onamia	5	Waverly	0

Region / City	Cost Burden Score	Region / City	Cost Burden Score	Region / City	Cost Burden Score
West Union	5	Mizpah	0	Greenbush	3
Willow River	3	Moose Lake	3	Grygla	0
Wyoming	0	Mountain Iron	0	Gully	0
Zimmerman	3	Nashwauk	0	Hallock	3
Northeast		Northome	0	Halma	0
Aitkin	5	Orr	0	Halstad	0
Aurora	0	Palisade	5	Hendrum	5
Babbitt	3	Proctor	3	Holt	0
Barnum	5	Ranier	0	Humboldt	0
Beaver Bay	0	Rice Lake	3	Karlstad	3
Big Falls	5	Scanlon	3	Kelliher	5
Bigfork	5	Silver Bay	0	Kennedy	0
Biwabik	3	Squaw Lake	3	Lake Bronson	0
Bovey	0	Taconite	3	Lancaster	3
Brookston	3	Tamarack	0	Laporte	0
Buhl	0	Tower	3	Lengby	0
Calumet	3	Two Harbors	5	Leonard	0
Carlton	3	Virginia	3	Mahnomen	5
Chisholm	3	Warba	0	McIntosh	5
Cloquet	3	Winton	3	Mentor	3
Cohasset	3	Wrenshall	0	Middle River	0
Coleraine	5	Wright	5	Nevis	3
Cook	5	Zemple	0	Newfolden	0
Cromwell	5	**Northwest**		Nielsville	5
Deer River	5	Ada	3	Oklee	5
Duluth	5	Akeley	5	Oslo	0
Effie	3	Alvarado	3	Park Rapids	5
Ely	5	Argyle	0	Perley	0
Eveleth	3	Badger	5	Plummer	0
Floodwood	5	Bagley	3	Red Lake Falls	3
Gilbert	3	Baudette	5	Roosevelt	0
Grand Marais	3	Bejou	3	Roseau	3
Grand Rapids	5	Beltrami	0	Shelly	5
Hermantown	5	Bemidji	5	Shevlin	0
Hibbing	3	Blackduck	5	Solway	0
Hill	5	Borup	0	St. Hilaire	3
Hoyt Lakes	0	Brooks	0	St. Vincent	0
International Falls	0	Clearbrook	5	Stephen	3
Iron Junction	5	Climax	3	Strandquist	3
Keewatin	5	Crookston	5	Strathcona	5
Kettle River	0	Donaldson	5	Tenstrike	5
Kinney	5	East Grand Forks	5	Thief River Falls	3
La Prairie	3	Erskine	5	Trail	5
Leonidas	5	Fertile	3	Turtle River	3
Littlefork	0	Fisher	3	Twin Valley	3
Marble	0	Fosston	5	Viking	0
McGrath	5	Funkley	5	Warren	3
McGregor	5	Gary	0	Warroad	3
McKinley	0	Gonvick	5	Waubun	5
Meadowlands	0	Goodridge	5	Williams	3

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Wilton	3	Eyota	0	Manchester	5
Winger	3	Fairmont	3	Mankato	5
Southeast		Faribault	5	Mantorville	0
Adams	0	Fountain	3	Mapleton	3
Albert Lea	5	Freeborn	0	Mapleview	5
Alden	3	Frost	0	Mazeppa	5
Altura	0	Gaylord	5	Medford	0
Amboy	0	Geneva	3	Millville	0
Arlington	5	Gibbon	0	Minneiska	3
Austin	3	Glenville	3	Minnesota City	5
Bellechester	5	Good Thunder	0	Minnesota Lake	5
Blooming Prairie	5	Goodhue	0	Montgomery	3
Blue Earth	3	Goodview	0	Morristown	5
Bricelyn	3	Granada	0	Myrtle	5
Brownsdale	5	Grand Meadow	0	Nerstrand	5
Brownsville	5	Green Isle	5	New Auburn	5
Butterfield	0	Hammond	3	New Prague	5
Byron	3	Hanska	3	New Richland	0
Caledonia	5	Harmony	3	New Ulm	3
Cannon Falls	5	Hartland	0	Nicollet	3
Canton	3	Hayfield	5	North Mankato	3
Ceylon	3	Hayward	0	Northrop	0
Chatfield	0	Heidelberg	0	Odin	3
Claremont	5	Henderson	3	Ormsby	5
Clarks Grove	3	Hokah	5	Oronoco	0
Cleveland	5	Hollandale	3	Ostrander	0
Cobden	0	Houston	5	Owatonna	5
Comfrey	3	Janesville	3	Pemberton	5
Conger	0	Kasota	0	Peterson	3
Courtland	0	Kasson	5	Pine Island	5
Dakota	0	Kellogg	3	Plainview	5
Darfur	0	Kenyon	3	Preston	0
Delavan	0	Kiester	5	Racine	3
Dennison	5	Kilkenny	0	Red Wing	5
Dexter	3	La Crescent	3	Rochester	5
Dodge Center	0	La Salle	0	Rollingstone	3
Dover	3	Lafayette	0	Rose Creek	0
Dundas	3	Lake City	5	Rushford	5
Dunnell	0	Lake Crystal	0	Rushford Village	3
Eagle Lake	3	Lanesboro	0	Sargeant	0
Easton	3	Le Center	5	Sherburn	0
Eitzen	3	Le Roy	5	Skyline	5
Elba	3	Le Sueur	5	Sleepy Eye	3
Elgin	0	Lewiston	3	Spring Grove	5
Elkton	3	Lewisville	0	Spring Valley	3
Ellendale	3	Lonsdale	5	Springfield	5
Elmore	5	Lyle	0	St. Charles	0
Elysian	3	Mabel	5	St. Clair	0
Emmons	0	Madelia	0	St. James	3
Evan	5	Madison Lake	5	St. Peter	5

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Stewartville	0	Chandler	3	Jeffers	5
Stockton	0	Clara	5	Johnson	0
Taopi	0	Clarkfield	3	Kandiyohi	3
Trimont	5	Clements	5	Kenneth	5
Truman	5	Clinton	0	Kerkhoven	5
Twin Lakes	0	Clontarf	0	Kinbrae	5
Utica	0	Correll	3	Kingston	0
Vernon Center	3	Cosmos	3	Lake Benton	3
Wabasha	3	Cottonwood	0	Lake Lillian	3
Waldorf	5	Currie	3	Lake Wilson	0
Walters	3	Danube	0	Lakefield	5
Waltham	0	Danvers	0	Lamberton	0
Wanamingo	3	Darwin	5	Lester Prairie	0
Waseca	5	Dassel	5	Lismore	3
Waterville	5	Dawson	0	Litchfield	3
Welcome	3	De Graff	0	Louisburg	0
Wells	3	Delhi	0	Lucan	5
West Concord	5	Dovray	0	Luverne	3
Whalan	0	Dundee	0	Lynd	3
Winnebago	3	Echo	3	Madison	5
Winona	5	Eden Valley	3	Magnolia	3
Winthrop	3	Edgerton	0	Marietta	3
Wykoff	0	Ellsworth	3	Marshall	5
Zumbro Falls	3	Fairfax	5	Maynard	3
Zumbrota	3	Florence	0	Milan	3
Southwest		Franklin	5	Milroy	3
Adrian	3	Fulda	0	Minneota	3
Alpha	0	Garvin	0	Montevideo	5
Appleton	5	Ghent	5	Morgan	5
Arco	3	Glencoe	3	Morton	5
Atwater	3	Graceville	5	Mountain Lake	5
Avoca	0	Granite Falls	3	Murdock	3
Balaton	5	Grove City	3	Nassau	3
Barry	0	Hadley	0	New London	5
Beardsley	0	Hanley Falls	0	Odessa	5
Beaver Creek	5	Hardwick	5	Okabena	0
Bellingham	3	Hatfield	5	Olivia	5
Belview	3	Hazel Run	0	Ortonville	5
Benson	5	Hector	3	Pennock	0
Bigelow	3	Hendricks	3	Pipestone	5
Bingham Lake	3	Heron Lake	0	Plato	0
Bird Island	0	Hills	0	Porter	0
Biscay	0	Holland	3	Prinsburg	0
Blomkest	0	Holloway	5	Raymond	3
Boyd	0	Hutchinson	5	Redwood Falls	5
Brewster	0	Ihlen	0	Regal	0
Brownton	3	Iona	5	Renville	3
Buffalo Lake	5	Ivanhoe	3	Revere	3
Canby	3	Jackson	3	Round Lake	0
Cedar Mills	5	Jasper	5	Rushmore	5

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Russell	0		Comstock	0		Rothsay	0
Ruthton	3		Cyrus	0		Sabin	0
Sacred Heart	0		Dalton	0		Sedan	0
Sanborn	0		Deer Creek	0		Starbuck	5
Seaforth	5		Dent	5		Tintah	0
Silver Lake	0		Detroit Lakes	5		Ulen	5
Slayton	0		Dilworth	5		Underwood	3
Spicer	5		Donnelly	0		Urbank	0
St. Leo	5		Doran	5		Vergas	3
Steen	3		Dumont	0		Villard	5
Stewart	5		Elbow Lake	5		Vining	0
Storden	0		Elizabeth	3		Wadena	5
Sunburg	5		Erhard	3		Wendell	0
Taunton	5		Evansville	5		Westport	3
Tracy	3		Farwell	0		Wheaton	3
Trosky	5		Felton	3		Wolf Lake	0
Tyler	3		Fergus Falls	5		Wolverton	0
Vesta	3		Forada	5			
Wabasso	3		Foxhome	0			
Walnut Grove	3		Frazee	3			
Wanda	0		Garfield	0			
Watkins	5		Georgetown	5			
Watson	5		Glenwood	5			
Westbrook	3		Glyndon	3			
Wilder	5		Hancock	0			
Willmar	5		Hawley	3			
Wilmont	0		Henning	5			
Windom	3		Herman	3			
Winsted	5		Hitterdal	5			
Wood Lake	3		Hoffman	5			
Woodstock	0		Kensington	0			
Worthington	5		Kent	0			
West Central			Lake Park	3			
Alberta	0		Long Beach	0			
Alexandria	5		Lowry	3			
Ashby	5		Millerville	0			
Audubon	5		Miltona	5			
Barnesville	3		Moorhead	5			
Barrett	5		Morris	3			
Battle Lake	5		Nashua	0			
Bluffton	3		Nelson	5			
Brandon	0		New York Mills	3			
Breckenridge	3		Norcross	0			
Brooten	5		Ogema	3			
Browns Valley	3		Osakis	3			
Callaway	3		Ottertail	3			
Campbell	0		Parkers Prairie	3			
Carlos	3		Pelican Rapids	3			
Chokio	3		Perham	3			
Clitherall	0		Richville	5			

Workforce Housing Communities (up to 10 Points)

Workforce Housing Communities are identified using data on: 1) total jobs, 2) five-year job growth; or 3) long distance commuting. Data on jobs and growth are from Minnesota DEED's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.[1] Data on commuting are from the U.S. Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer – Household Dynamics program.[2]

Workforce Housing Communities include Top Job Centers, Net Five Year Job Growth Communities, and Long Commute Communities, each as defined below.

- **Top Job Center (10 Points):** A community that is one of the top 5 job centers in the region.[3] *Communities are buffered by 10 miles to account for a modest commuteshed.* **OR**
- **Net Five Year Job Growth Community (10 Points):** A community that has at least 2,000 jobs in the current year and had positive job growth in the last five years. *Communities are buffered by 10 miles to account for a modest commuteshed.* **OR**
- **Long Commute Community (8 Points):** A community that has at least 2,000 jobs in the current year, is not a Top Job Center, Net Five Year Job Growth Community, and where 15% or more of the community's workforce travels 30+ miles into the community for work. *Communities are buffered by 10 miles to account for a modest commuteshed.*

The lists and map below highlight communities and areas that meet the criteria defined under this category.

Top Job Centers Communities

Top Job Centers, according to the Minnesota Housing analysis of DEED's most recent Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (2022 or 2023), by region are:

- Northeast Region
    - Duluth, Saint Louis County
    - Grand Rapids, Itasca County
    - Hibbing, Saint Louis County
    - Cloquet, Carlton County
    - Virginia, Saint Louis County
- Northwest Region
    - Bemidji, Beltrami County
    - Thief River Falls, Pennington County

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[1] The five-year job growth communities presented in this methodology are for 2017-2022 or 2018-2023. Source: DEED's Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

[2] Data from LEHD are for 2021 and 2022. Minnesota Housing will also add eligible communities with more current data if available by application release. Source: U.S. Census Bureau LEHD data.

[3] Regions are defined using Regional Housing Advisory Group (RHAG) definitions.

- o Crookston, Polk County
- o Park Rapids, Hubbard County
- o Roseau, Roseau County
- West Central Region
  - o Alexandria, Douglas County
  - o Moorhead, Clay County
  - o Detroit Lakes, Becker County
  - o Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County
  - o Perham, Otter Tail County
- Central Region
  - o Saint Cloud, Multi- County
  - o Elk River, Sherburne County
  - o Brainerd, Crow Wing County
  - o Monticello, Wright County
- o Buffalo, Wright County
- Southwest Region
  - o Willmar, Kandiyohi County
  - o Marshall, Lyon County
  - o Hutchinson, McLeod County
  - o Worthington, Nobles County
  - o Litchfield, Meeker County
- Southeast Region
  - o Rochester, Olmsted County
  - o Mankato, Blue Earth County
  - o Winona, Winona County
  - o Owatonna, Steele County
  - o Austin, Mower County

Net Five Year Job Growth Communities

Greater Minnesota communities with at least 2,000 jobs and net positive job growth in a five-year (2017-2022 or 2018-2023) period, according to the Minnesota Housing analysis of DEED's most recent [Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#)), are:

- Alexandria, Douglas County
- Baxter, Crow Wing County
- Becker, Sherburne County
- Big Lake, Sherburne County
- Buffalo, Wright County
- Cambridge, Isanti County
- Cannon Falls, Goodhue County
- Cold Spring, Stearns County
- Crosby, Crow Wing County
- Delano, Wright County
- Detroit Lakes, Becker County
- Elk River, Sherburne County
- Faribault, Rice County
- Glencoe, McLeod County
- Glenwood, Pope County
- Goodview, Winona County
- Litchfield, Meeker County
- Minden Township, Benton County
- Monticello, Wright County
- Mora, Kanabec County
- Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County
- New Prague, Le Sueur County
- North Branch, Chisago County
- Otsego, Wright County
- Perham, Otter Tail County
- Pine City, Pine County
- Redwood Falls, Redwood County
- Rochester, Olmsted County
- Saint Joseph, Stearns County
- Saint Michael, Wright County
- Saint Peter, Nicollet County
- Sartell, Stearns County
- Sauk Centre, Stearns County
- Staples, Todd County

- Thief River Falls, Pennington County
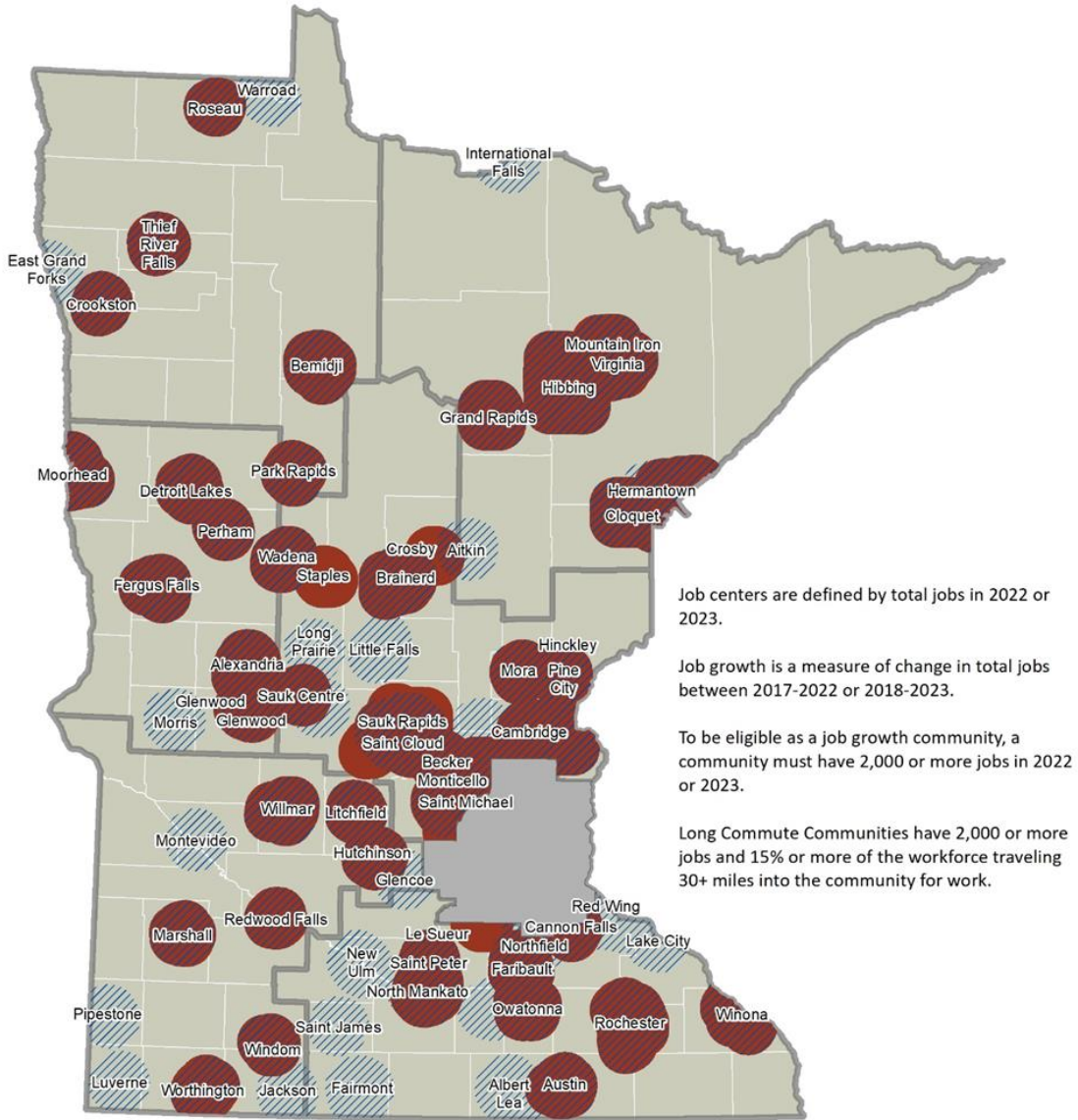- Wadena, Wadena County
- Windom, Cottonwood County

Long Commute Communities

The Greater Minnesota Long Commute Communities, according to the Minnesota Housing analysis of the most recent [U.S. Census Bureau Longitudinal Employer Household Dynamics data](#) (2021 or 2022), are:

- Aitkin, Aitkin County
- Albert Lea, Freeborn County
- Albertville, Wright County
- Alexandria, Douglas County
- Austin, Mower County
- Baxter, Crow Wing County
- Becker, Sherburne County
- Bemidji, Beltrami County
- Brainerd, Crow Wing County
- Buffalo, Wright County
- Cambridge, Isanti County
- Cannon Falls, Goodhue County
- Cloquet, Carlton County
- Crookston, Polk County
- Detroit Lakes, Becker County
- Duluth, Saint Louis County
- East Grand Forks, Polk County
- Elk River, Sherburne County
- Fairmont, Martin County
- Faribault, Rice County
- Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County
- Glencoe, Mcleod County
- Glenwood, Pope County
- Goodview, Winona County
- Grand Rapids, Itasca County
- Hermantown, Saint Louis County
- Hibbing, Saint Louis County
- Hutchinson, Mcleod County
- International Falls, Koochiching County
- Jackson, Jackson County
- Lake City, Wabasha County
- Litchfield, Meeker County
- Little Falls, Morrison County
- Long Prairie, Todd County
- Luverne, Rock County
- Mankato, Blue Earth County
- Marshall, Lyon County
- Melrose, Stearns County
- Montevideo, Chippewa County
- Monticello, Wright County
- Moorhead, Clay County
- Mora, Kanabec County
- Morris, Stevens County
- Mountain Iron, Saint Louis County
- New Ulm, Brown County
- North Branch, Chisago County
- North Mankato, Nicollet County
- Northfield, Rice County
- Otsego, Sherburne County
- Owatonna, Steele County
- Park Rapids, Hubbard County
- Perham, Otter Tail County
- Pine City, Pine County
- Pipestone, Pipestone County
- Princeton, Mille Lacs County
- Red Wing, Goodhue County
- Redwood Falls, Redwood County
- Rochester, Olmsted County
- Roseau, Roseau County

- Sauk Centre, Stearns County
- Sauk Rapids, Benton County
- St. Cloud, Stearns County
- St. James, Watonwan County
- St. Joseph, Stearns County
- St. Michael, Wright County
- St. Peter, Nicollet County
- Thief River Falls, Pennington County
- Virginia, Saint Louis County
- Wadena, Wadena County
- Waite Park, Stearns County
- Warroad, Roseau County
- Waseca, Waseca County
- Willmar, Kandiyohi County
- Windom, Cottonwood County
- Winona, Winona County
- Worthington, Nobles County

Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing Communities

Job centers are defined by total jobs in 2022 or 2023.

Job growth is a measure of change in total jobs between 2017-2022 or 2018-2023.

To be eligible as a job growth community, a community must have 2,000 or more jobs in 2022 or 2023.

Long Commute Communities have 2,000 or more jobs and 15% or more of the workforce traveling 30+ miles into the community for work.

///// Long Commute Community

■ Top 5 Regional Job Center or Job Growth

0   20   40 Miles

Source: Minnesota Housing analysis of MN Department of Employment and Economic Developments Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. Date: 2/27/2025.

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Questions

Please direct questions to the Local Government Housing Programs team via the Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant Program's dedicated email address: infrastructuregrants.mhfa@state.mn.us.

No other staff are authorized to respond to questions from potential applicants related to this RFP. All questions and answers will be posted to Minnesota Housing's Local Government Housing Programs webpage.

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