



Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Request for Proposals Selection Framework and Final Scores

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Overview

In 1993, the Minnesota Legislature established the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) to assist families who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.

In the metro area, counties are eligible to apply for funding. In Greater Minnesota, eligible applicants include Tribal Nations, counties, a group of contiguous counties, and nonprofit organizations. FHPAP funds can be used for supportive services and direct financial assistance to prevent homelessness or re-house households experiencing homelessness as quickly as possible. Services include housing navigation and case management to find and keep housing. Direct financial assistance includes payments for rental assistance, security deposits, mortgage assistance, and utility assistance.

The FHPAP has demonstrated consistent outcomes; 94% of households who received prevention assistance maintained their housing and 74% who received rapid re-housing assistance secured stable housing for households exiting from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.

For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 biennium, \$20,538,000 is available as a base appropriation from the legislature. In May 2025, the legislature added an additional, one-time increase of \$8.35 million of FHPAP funding for a total of \$28,888,000 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 biennium.

Minnesota Housing issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on November 4, 2024, for FHPAP funding, with a due date of January 17, 2025. The grant period began October 1, 2025, and ends September 30, 2027. The language in the RFP Instructions indicated that funding is contingent upon legislative approval of program appropriations and may increase or decrease. This allowed the Agency to add the additional funding approved by the legislature in May. Potential applicants were encouraged to submit applications based on community need and their own capacity to deliver the program goals of preventing homelessness, minimizing the number of days households are homeless, and eliminating repeated episodes of homelessness.

Selection Framework and Awards

The selection process for the program involved a multi-phased evaluation. Applications not passing the requirements of a particular phase would not proceed to the next stage in the review process.

A total of 28 applications were submitted in response to the RFP. The 23 eligible applicants that passed the initial threshold review and pre-award risk assessment requested a total of \$89,527,147.78. The 23 eligible applicants included 21 grantees from the 2024-2025 biennium in addition to Southwest Opportunity Council and Northwest Indian Community Development Center.

Threshold Review and Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Initially, all submitted applications were assessed for completeness. Incomplete applications were not considered. The next phase evaluated applications to ensure applicants were eligible, as detailed in the RFP materials. The following were not eligible to proceed to the review process under [Minn. Stat. 462A.204](#) because they applied to operate within the metro area and are not counties:

- Ain Dah Yung Center
- Milestone Community Development
- Quality of Life Home Care Services
- Roadway LLC
- Vail Place

Per [Minn. Stat. 16B.981](#) and the Department of Administration Office of Grants Management [Policy 08-06](#), Minnesota Housing staff also completed a pre-award risk assessment of nongovernmental organizations to ensure that organizations were operationally and financially capable of performing the duties required of the grant. All 23 eligible applicants passed the threshold review and the pre-award risk assessment.

Application Scoring

A total of 31 reviewers participated in the competitive review and application scoring process, including seven community reviewers, eight state staff from other agencies, and 16 Minnesota Housing staff.

Applicants could score up to a total of 100 points in the following categories:

- Project Summary (25 points)
- Equity (35 points)
- Capacity and Performance (30 points)
- Budget (10 points)

The applications were ranked according to the final score out of 100. Table 1 outlines the application scoring criteria.

Table 1: Application Scoring Criteria

Category	Criteria	Maximum Score
Project Summary	<p>Applicant provides clear description of services and assistance linked to the community need identified.</p> <p>Evident that feedback from people with lived expertise, traditionally underserved households, stakeholders, advisory committee members, and/or partners have informed the project design.</p> <p>Applicant identified data sources and provided an analysis that clearly describes a significant need in geographic area.</p>	25 points
Equity	<p>Tribal Nation/group of Tribal Nations will automatically receive points for this section.</p> <p>Applicant has specific strategies to reach the populations identified as experiencing housing instability at disproportionate levels such as cultural, racial, and ethnic communities, LGBTQIA2S+ communities, people experiencing domestic violence, people with disabilities, veterans, and others who are identified by the applicant.</p> <p>Applicant has plan to include people with lived expertise.</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates ability to serve households with patience and empathy.</p>	35 points
Capacity and Performance	<p>Applicant describes concrete examples that demonstrate their ability to successfully perform project duties.</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates a commitment to create a culture of learning, sharing, and growing for individual staff members, within teams, and as an organization.</p> <p>Applicant actively uses Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or has a defined plan for timely implementation.</p> <p>Applicant provides clear plan to address barriers to communication that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.</p>	30 points
Budget	<p>The budget appears reasonable and administrative costs are reasonable.</p> <p>The narrative clearly justifies the applicant's budget including rationale and calculations.</p>	10 points

Other Considerations

The amount of the award was based on the final score as well as the applicant’s share of the statewide need, geographic distribution of funds to Tribal Nations, greater Minnesota and the metro area, and sufficient funding for viable program operations and staffing.

Share of need is determined by assessing the number of:

- People in poverty
- Renter households
- Workers who are unemployed
- Low-income renter households that spend 50% or more of their income on housing
- Severely overcrowded renter households
- Black, Indigenous, and people of color populations
- Renter households whose income does not exceed 30% of the area median income
- Households receiving public assistance
- People born outside of the U.S.

This method is an adaptation of an index developed by the Urban Institute and expands the previous statewide need formula to better target households disparately impacted by homelessness.

Final Selections

The applicants were split into and scored in one of three competitive pools:

- Tribal Nations
- Greater Minnesota
- Twin Cities metro area

Minnesota Housing awarded a total of \$28,888,000 in FHPAP resources according to the tables below.

Table 2: Tribal Nations Awards

Applicant	Proposed Service Area	Request	Award	Score
White Earth Reservation Business Committee	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, Upper Sioux Community, Prairie Island Indian Community, and White Earth Nation	\$ 3,479,500	\$ 2,588,000	92.00
Subtotal	N/A	\$ 3,479,500	\$ 2,588,000	N/A

Table 3: Greater Minnesota Awards

Applicant	Proposed Service Area	Request	Award	Score
Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	Beltrami and Cass counties	\$ 929,528	\$ 364,000	85.00
Center for African Immigrants & Refugees Organization (CAIRO)	Stearns, Benton, Sherburne, Kandiyohi, Clay, and Rice counties	\$ 2,346,000	\$ 481,000	81.33
Family Rise Together	St. Louis County	\$ 242,489	\$ 0	78.33
KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc.	Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, and Lake counties	\$ 670,000	\$ 250,500	85.00
Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc.	Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine counties	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 635,000	92.00
Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Clay and Wilkin counties	\$ 2,457,796	\$ 365,000	81.67
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota – Brainerd	Todd, Crow Wing, and Morrison counties	\$ 2,164,610	\$ 395,000	82.67
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota – Central	Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties	\$ 3,053,962	\$ 1,205,000	91.33
MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Becker, Mahnommen, Hubbard, Otter Tail, and Wadena counties	\$ 1,671,481	\$ 541,000	91.67
Northwest Indian Community Development Center (NWICDC)	Beltrami county and portions of Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Itasca counties	\$ 226,715	\$ 0	72.33
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.	Murray, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone counties	\$ 726,182	\$ 0	67.67
St. Louis County	St. Louis County	\$ 3,899,649	\$ 814,500	85.00
Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.	Blue Earth, Brown, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Pierce, Rice, Steele,	\$ 3,817,870	\$ 2,880,000	86.67

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	Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, and Winona counties			
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Polk, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Kittson, Roseau, and Lake of the Woods counties	\$ 760,824	\$ 340,000	81.00
United Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Lincoln, Lyon, Jackson, Cottonwood, Redwood, Pipestone, Murray, Rock, Nobles, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, Yellow Medicine, Swift, Chippewa, Lac Qui Park, and Big Stone counties	\$ 5,207,294	\$ 1,015,000	86.00
West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.	Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Douglas counties	\$ 790,000	\$ 211,500	83.00
Subtotal	N/A	\$ 31,964,400	\$ 9,497,500	N/A

Table 4: Metro Area Awards

Applicant	Proposed Service Area	Request	Award	Score
Anoka County	Anoka County	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 1,395,000	94.33
Carver County Health and Human Services	Carver, Scott counties	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 758,500	88.00
Dakota County Community Services*	Dakota County	\$ 4,195,167	\$ 0	87.33
Hennepin County	Hennepin County	\$ 18,854,263	\$ 8,075,000	93.00
Ramsey County	Ramsey County	\$ 23,856,194	\$ 4,015,000	84.33
Washington County	Washington County	\$ 1,677,624	\$ 814,000	90.00
TOTAL	N/A	\$ 54,083,248	\$ 16,802,500	N/A