



2026 Workforce Housing Development Program Request for Proposals: Selection Framework and Final Scores

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Overview

The Workforce Housing Development Program (WHDP) targets small-to medium-sized communities in Greater Minnesota with rental workforce housing needs. Funding is available to build market rate residential rental properties in communities with proven job growth and demand for workforce rental housing. WHDP funds are administered through a competitive Request for Proposes (RFP) process.

Additional information about the WHDP can be found in the [WHDP Program Guide](#).

Selection Framework

WHDP RFP applications are evaluated to determine whether they meet the eligibility requirements, statutory requirements, and threshold criteria as detailed in the [WHDP RFP Application Instructions](#). Next, applications are ranked and scored based on the Agency's selection priorities and selection criteria that align with Minnesota Housing's [Strategic Plan](#) and are described in the [WHDP Self-Scoring Worksheet](#). Projects determined to be ineligible are not scored by staff.

The WHDP is governed by requirements set by statute, rules, and the [WHDP Program Guide](#), which outline a variety of preferences, priorities, and requirements for projects that are selected for funding. Additional details may be found in the [WHDP RFP Application Instructions](#).

Non-Select Criteria

An application may be determined ineligible or non-select due to one or more of the following criteria:

- Statutory or threshold requirements
- Project feasibility
- Geographic distribution
- Underwriting standards
- Amount of funding requested
- Development cost
- Statutory preference

Additional information on each item can be found in the [WHDP RFP Application Instructions](#).

Minnesota Housing was able to select 100% of submitted applications with the funding available through the 2026 WHDP RFP.

Scores

The table below includes applicants that responded to Minnesota Housing's 2026 WHDP RFP and reflects the selection determination and scores of the applications.

Table 1: 2026 WHDP Request for Proposals Application Scores

Project Name	City/Applicant	Score	Determination
Mountain View Meadows	Bemidji	72	Select
Harvest Square Townhomes	Elbow Lake	61	Select
Northwoods Townhomes	Fosston	67	Select
Thunder Hawk II	Montevideo	59	Select
Silverpoint II	Silver Bay	83	Select
Winthrop Apartments	Winthrop	86	Select

This information is provided in accordance with [Minnesota Statute 462A.24](#).