

2024 – 2025 Qualified Allocation Plan and Funding Priority Information Session

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# Our Mission The Core Purpose

Housing is the foundation for success, so we collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance housing that is affordable.

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# Agenda

- Assistant Commissioner James Lehnhoff
- Qualified Allocation Plan Summer Jefferson
- Policy Areas for Discussion Minnesota Housing Staff
- Questions and Feedback from Participants

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# **Purpose and Process**

- IRS requirement
- Qualified Allocation Plan and Self-scoring Worksheet(s)
  - Geographic distribution and funding set-asides
  - Funding rounds, rules and procedures
  - Funding priorities

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# **QAP Development Process**

- Review year's scoring, selections and policies
  - Are we achieving our funding and strategic priorities?
  - Are clarifications necessary?
  - Are we creating adverse/unintended consequences?
- Emerging needs
- · Community feedback and engagement

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#### **Selection Categories**

- 1. Greatest Need Tenant Targeting
- 2. Serves Lowest Income for Long Durations
- 3. Increasing Geographic Choice
- 4. Supporting Community and Economic Development
- 5. Efficient Use of Scarce Resources & Leverage
- 6. Building Characteristics

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#### Policy Areas – Requesting Early Feedback

- How best to continue to prioritize communities most impacted by housing instability and housing disparities?
- Are there further steps we can take towards racial equity and inclusion in our policies and procedures?
- How best to continue focusing on ending homelessness in Minnesota while addressing the needs of different communities?
- How to continue to create economic opportunities for communities that will benefit most from housing development work?
- · How to continue to achieve deeper and longer term affordability?
- How to clarify and/or simplify existing selection criteria and the application process?

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#### **Policies to Discuss**

- Preservation
- Geography
- Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC)/Women Business Enterprise
- Equitable Development
- Supportive Housing
- Other Participants: Feel free to share

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#### Preservation

- All Projects Must Meet a Risk of Loss:
  - Market Conversion
  - Critical Physical Needs
  - Ownership Capacity
- Project priorities:
  - Federally assisted units with project based rental assistance
  - · Federal, state or locally assisted units with high affordability
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### Geography

- Not exploring any criteria changes
- Criteria Include:
  - · Transit and Walkability
  - Need for More Affordable Housing
  - Workforce Housing
  - No Multifamily Award in the Past 5 Years
  - Rural and Tribal Areas
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#### Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC)/Women Business Enterprise

- Further address the lack of BIPOC ownership in affordable housing
- Promote the inclusion of BIPOC/WBE developers, architects, general contractors, management agents, service providers, etc.
- Incentivize equitable partnerships

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#### **Equitable Development**

- Further frame category requirements:
  - · Qualified Stakeholder Group
  - Communities Most Impacted
- Provide more opportunities for community-based development, ensuring that the community's voices and needs are centered
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#### **Supportive Housing**

- Address market issues for High Priority Homeless (HPH) units – verify need
- Address resource fit for HPH and units for People with Disabilities (PWD)
  - Long-term Homelessness (LTH) Housing Support is not always good fit due to market
  - PWD units intended population
- Continuum of Care (CoC)/county/community engagement for planning supportive housing units- needs, market and resources

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# **Supportive Housing**

- Address needs of other populations experiencing homelessness that may not score for supportive housing through coordinated entry (CE) or are not included due to CE capacity and resources
- Address access for households with vouchers on housing search
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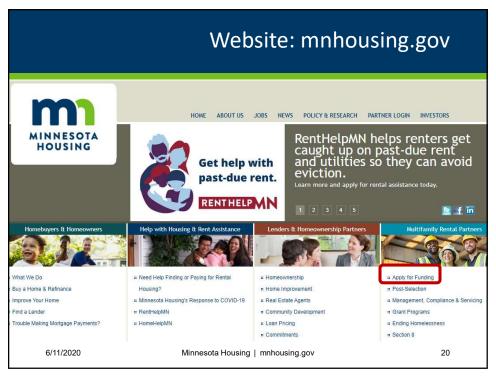
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