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Minnesota Housing 2014-2015 budget update and Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) funding amounts

Governor Dayton signed the [Omnibus Jobs, Economic Development, Housing, Commerce and Energy Bill](#) that provides nearly \$100 million for Minnesota Housing activities over the 2014-2015 biennium. See detailed [legislative summary and Minnesota Housing state appropriations budget](#).

For the 2013 Consolidated RFP, further clarification and amounts for specific funding areas are:

Housing and Job Growth Initiative:

The Agency secured an additional \$10 million in funding for the Challenge program specifically for the Housing and Job Growth Initiative to fund projects that include a meaningful contribution from local employers to meet workforce housing needs. Eligible projects are in housing markets that: have low vacancy rates; have a cooperatively developed plan that identifies housing needs and priorities; and have experienced past job growth, can document future job growth, or have a significant portion of area employees who commute more than 30 miles to work.

Community Homeownership Impact Fund (Impact Fund):

The Impact Fund (formerly CRV) has been streamlined to improve the application process and become activity-specific. Impact Fund applicants will now be informed of the specific Agency and program policy goals and the relative priority level that is given to each. As a result, RFP applicants will be able to better respond to the program priorities and ensure proposals that are more aligned with those priorities. Examples of priorities include: Foreclosure; Minimizing Transportation Costs and Promoting Access to Transit; Economic Integration; Community Recovery; and the Jobs and Housing Growth Initiative. Maps including this data are available in the Community Profiles tool on the Minnesota Housing website.

Tax Credits:

Minnesota Housing will provide \$12 million in annual Housing Tax Credits. Minnesota Housing is modifying the current “dual application” process for 9% and 4% tax credit applications. Although Housing Infrastructure Bonds are not available under this RFP, Minnesota Housing will still offer the “dual application” process and will consider using its other deferred loan resources (rather than Housing Infrastructure bond proceeds) to support a competitive 4% structured deal. Please keep in mind that a syndicator’s letter of support must be submitted at the time of application for both 9% and 4% tax credit proposals.

Housing Trust Fund:

Up to eight Project Based Vouchers funded through the Housing Trust Fund will be available with a priority given to developments serving youth and families who have experienced long-term homelessness. Awarded vouchers will remain in place for 15 years.

RFP Application Materials:

The applications, materials and instructions for the consolidated 2013 [Multifamily](#) and [Single Family](#) RFP and the annual [Housing Tax Credit RFP](#) are now available on the Minnesota Housing [website](#).

2013 Consolidated RFP Funding Summary:**Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program (Challenge)**

(available for both Single Family and Multifamily proposals)

Includes funding for the Housing & Job Growth Initiative and the Community Homeownership Impact Fund (Impact Fund), formerly known as the CRV program.	\$14.2 million
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Single Family funding:

2% Interim Construction Financing	\$280,000
0% Interim Construction Financing	\$500,000

Multifamily funding:

Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund (PARIF)	Up to \$9 million
Federal Housing Tax Credits from the competitive state allocation pool (HTC) (2014 Round 1)	\$12 million
Low and Moderate Income Rental Program (LMIR) through tax-exempt and other non-federal Agency resources for first mortgage financing and bridge loans (when required for eligibility for 4% tax credits)	Amount based on applications
Flexible Financing for Capital Costs (FFCC) (only available in conjunction with LMIR first mortgage financing)	Up to \$1 million
HOME Affordable Rental Preservation (HOME HARP)	Up to \$3.5 million

Resources available from funding partners:

In addition to Minnesota Housing, funding is available through the Metropolitan Council, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Family Housing Fund, Minnesota Department of Corrections and Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Funding for Single Family or Multifamily:

Metropolitan Council - Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA)	\$1.5 million
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Single Family funding:

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund	\$400,000
Minnesota Department of Corrections - Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) Affordable Housing Building Program provides interest free, interim construction financing but only to nonprofit entities in certain areas of the state.	

Multifamily funding:

Family Housing Fund	\$1 million
Greater Minnesota Housing Fund	\$800,000
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED) - Small Cities Development Program (SCDP)	\$1 million

Technical assistance and resources:

Applicants are encouraged to watch all applicable RFP webinar tutorials, attend TA sessions, or seek technical assistance by contacting the appropriate Agency staff to request a session.

Multifamily RFP/HTC Webinar: New this year: pre-recorded training tutorials are now available. Applicants can access these tutorials at [Multifamily Training Tutorials](#) and click to expand Training and Technical Assistance.

Single Family TA session at Minnesota Housing: May 30 9:30-11:30am [Register](#) (recorded webinar will be also be available at a later date)

Applicants should also review and analyze the [Community Profiles](#), which provides data to help identify communities in Minnesota with a potential need and type of housing investment.

Application due dates

Applications must be received by the following dates to be eligible for funding:

2013 Multifamily RFP	Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:00 pm
2014 Housing Tax Credit Round 1	Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:00 pm
2013 Single Family RFP	Tuesday, July 11, 2013 at noon

Proposal selection

Recommendations for the Multifamily, Housing Tax Credit and Single Family selections will be made at the Minnesota Housing special board meeting on November 7. Funding partner proposal recommendations will be made at their respective board meetings.

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