

GRANT PROGRAMS

Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)

Program Overview

In 1993, the Minnesota Legislature established the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP). The program currently provides funds to twenty grantees statewide, including counties, tribal nations and community-based nonprofit organizations.

Funds can be used for direct assistance (rent, utilities and other expenses) or services (housing search or navigation, support services, case management, independent living skills or other approved services) to households who are at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines and who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The purpose of the program is to support continuing innovation and development of a comprehensive system to prevent homelessness and to assist people experiencing homelessness by preventing homelessness, minimizing the number of days homeless and eliminating repeat episodes of homelessness.

The outcomes of FHPAP are to:

- 1) Reduce the number of people who become homeless for the first time (*prevent*);
- 2) Reduce the number of people who experience homelessness (*rare*);
- 3) Reduce the length of time people experience homelessness (*brief*);
- 4) Reduce the number of people who return to homelessness (*one-time*); and
- 5) Increase equitable outcomes for households that are disparately impacted by homelessness (*equity*).

Application Process

A competitive RFP is issued every two years. Funding for the next grant cycle begins July 1, 2019.



Ed & Rennie
FHPAP Recipients

Thank you for the gift that you have given us.
Thank you for providing us with the comfort and stability that we honestly believed that we were going to lose over a very short period of time.

- Ed and Rennie, FHPAP Recipients

Terms

- Eligible Applicants:**
- Counties within the Twin Cities metropolitan area, which include Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties
 - Tribal nations
 - Non-metropolitan areas, which include a county, a group of contiguous counties jointly acting together, or a community based nonprofit organization with a sponsoring resolution from each of the county boards located within its operating jurisdiction

Eligible Recipients: Low-income (at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines) Minnesotans experiencing a housing crisis. Households may include families with or without children, youth/unaccompanied youth and single adults.

- Eligible Activities:** FHPAP funds can be used for the following categories:
- Prevention
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Street outreach
 - Coordinated entry

The program provides grantees with the flexibility to use the funds in accordance with what works best in their local region to achieve the funding goals (refer to Minnesota Statute §462A.204 subd 4 requirements). Funds are designed to be temporary and may be used for a broad range of purposes to promote housing stability and prevent or end homelessness, including supportive services, direct financial assistance and administration.

Contract Requirements: A signed funding agreement between Minnesota Housing and the grantee outlining the scope of services to be provided is required prior to funds being disbursed. Grantees are responsible for completing a work plan and a budget that will become attachments to the funding agreement.

Reporting: Reports may include the following: Quarterly Expenditure Report, Quarterly Output Report, and an Annual Narrative Report. Grantees will use Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect household data and to complete reports.

Questions

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