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2021 Building Standards Documents Released

Minnesota Housing’s updated Building Standards have been published and are ready to use with the 2021 Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP)/2022 Housing Tax Credits (HTC). A summary of changes to the documents are included below. Development teams are required to incorporate the standards outlined in the revised documents when submitting applications.

The 2021 documents are available on our Building Standards webpage.

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Technical Assistance: 2021 Consolidated RFP/2022 HTC Kickoff Breakout Sessions

On March 3, 2021, Minnesota Housing hosted a Consolidated RFP Technical Assistance Kickoff session that offered important information and guidance for the 2021 RFP/2022 HTC funding application process. Two Building Standards breakout sessions were offered, and you can view the PowerPoint slide presentations below.

Breakout Session 1: 2021 MN Overlay to the 2020 EGC

Breakout Session 2: Minnesota Multi-Family New Construction Standards

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