Community Grant Reviewers Wanted!

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency invites members of the community to apply to be community reviewers to help us score and recommend grantees for our 2022 Capacity Building Grant program. We have created this community reviewer opportunity because we are striving to create a grantmaking process that values, listens to, and acts on the input of community. The expertise, ideas, and input of people who have experienced housing challenges are especially important as we seek to select Capacity Building proposals that most closely represent the goals of this grant program.

Who are we looking for?

- 11 people who live in Minnesota and have experienced housing challenges, as defined by them
- 5 people who worked on activities funded by the 2019 or 2020 Capacity Building Initiative Grant or 2021 Intermediary Capacity Building Grants

Responsibilities, Time Commitment and Pay:

Community Reviewers will be required to complete all the following activities to receive a one-time payment of $500 after completion of all activities. Please visit the webpage for a list of meeting dates and deadlines referenced here:

1. Participate in a required Community Reviewer Orientation and Grant Reviewer Training Meeting.
2. Review and score six to eight applications (estimate about 8 to 10 hours total over a three-week period).
3. Participate in a 2-to-3-hour time block of grant applicant interviews.
4. Participate in two selection meetings (one 4-to-5-hour time block to select interview finalists and one 2-to-3-hour time block to identify recommended grantees).
5. Provide feedback of your experience as a Community Reviewer to Minnesota Housing’s grant program and evaluation staff.

We estimate that it will take about 20 to 23 hours during the months of July through early October to complete the activities identified above. Please only apply if you can commit to participating in all of the activities.

Please visit Minnesota Housing’s website (www.minnesotahousing.gov) for more information and to access the Application.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 13th at 2 p.m. CT

Informational Session: Tuesday, June 28th at 1 p.m. CT

Questions? Email CommunityDevelopment.MHFA@state.mn.us