

# FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program (FHPAP)** is a flexible grant program designed to assist families, youth, and single adults.

The program has three objectives:

- Prevent homelessness;
- Shorten the length of homelessness;
- Eliminate repeated episodes of homelessness.

## FHPAP At-a-Glance

In 2010-11, 83 FHPAP service providers helped

- 16,764 households;
- 40,380 individuals;
- 19,199 children & youth;
- 80 counties;
- Households had average annual income of \$11,304

The economic downturn and foreclosure crisis is putting extra strain on already-limited resources, forcing more people into shelters. Indeed, the **three most common reasons people turn to FHPAP:**

- Loss of employment,
- Poor credit, and
- Unpaid rent.

FHPAP helps families, youth, and single adults stay in their housing by providing services like case management and landlord/tenant mediation and financial assistance with mortgage, rent, transportation, and utility bills.

## FHPAP Funding Overview

- Funded at \$14.6 million / biennium through MN Housing
- Average cost of serving a household: \$842
- 51% of funds went to prevention
- 47.6% of households served live in Greater Minnesota



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*The number of families we have seeking shelter is immense. We have twice as many families staying in our shelter, and more and more its due to job loss and foreclosures. We house 92 families at a time, and are always full. Unfortunately, we have to turn many families away every day."*

Mary Jo Copeland, Director  
Sharing & Caring Hands

**Requested 2013 increase: \$2.5 million/biennium**