



Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

Working to ensure that everyone has a safe, decent, affordable place to call home

May 2013 Legislative Update

Homes for All

Housing and homeless services received a \$33 million funding increase.

- **Minnesota Housing—24 percent increase (\$76 to \$101.5 million)**

Family Homelessness Prevention (\$790K); Challenge Fund (\$14.5M); Housing Trust Fund (\$4.8M); Housing Rehab (\$10M); Capacity Building (\$500K); Home-buyer Education and Homeowner Assistance (\$146K); Grants (\$89K); Preservation (federal funds offset \$6M reduction).



- **Department of Human Services—42 percent increase (\$16.7 to \$23.7 million)**

Long-term Homeless Supportive Services (\$2M); Transitional Housing (\$500K); Emergency Services Program (\$500K); Homeless Youth Act (\$4M).

Impact: Prevent homelessness for 18,500 families; develop housing for 1,300 families; home-buyer counseling for 8,700 households; provide homeless services for 7,000 Minnesotans.

Affirmative Options for Families

Improvements to the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) will be implemented incrementally.

- **2014:** MFIP Earned Income Disregard increased to 50 percent (effectively changing the exit level from 115 to 140 percent of the federal poverty guideline).

Impact: Raise assistance by \$30/month for 6,200 working families in poverty.

- **2015:** Housing allowance added; family cap repealed (newborn baby penalty).

Impact: \$110/month increase for approximately 17,800 families; family cap repeal will raise assistance by \$74/month for approximately 4,100 families.

- **2015-2017:** \$2M for paid work experience; \$250,000 for work study slots; \$2M for racial disparities project; \$200,000 for home visiting for MFIP teen parents; \$1.5 million in bonus funds for counties with good MFIP outcomes.

Impact: Approximately 640 working families would receive an additional \$2,790 per year; 160 families would benefit from work study slots.



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