### 2023 POLICY OUTCOMES

Whether an individual or family is experiencing homelessness or transitioning into permanent housing, the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless advocates to ensure the safety and dignity of every Minnesotan on their journey to find a home.

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature produced a \$2.1 billion dollar investment toward housing and homelessness. These historic investments included the expansion and preservation of shelter spaces, funding that supports shelter operations, outreach, motel vouchers, and other key resources and services to support families, individuals, and seniors experiencing homelessness, and much more.

#### **Shelter Capital**

• \$100M one-time investment in shelter capital and an additional eight shelters received direct appropriations of \$37.53M one-time funding through the Capital Investment budget.

#### **Emergency Services Program**

- Prior to 2022/23 the base funding availability was \$1.68M. Starting in 2022/23 the base funding availability increased to \$14.68M. Moving forward due to the 2023 legislative victories:
  - 2024/25 the base funding availability is \$43.68M;
  - 2026/27 the base funding availability is \$68.68M;
  - 2028/29 and on the base funding availability is \$73.68M.

#### Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP)

• \$95M one-time investment in FHPAP with a \$10M designation for tribes for the 2024/25 biennium. The budget will return to \$20.5M starting in 2026/27.

#### **Landlord Risk Mitigation Program**

• Up to \$1M in funds from the FHPAP may be used as landlord risk mitigation funds; additionally, landlord risk mitigation funds were added as an eligible use in the Bridges program. Funds may be used to support staffing and other organizational needs.

#### Housing Infrastructure Appropriation | Public Housing Rehabilitation

• \$200M was appropriated for housing infrastructure and \$85M was passed for public housing rehabilitation.

#### **Housing Support Income Modification for Community-Based Settings**

A 30% income modification provision was passed that ensures people with unearned income (SSI, veterans' benefits, etc) pay only 30% of their income toward their Housing Support. Previously, folks with unearned income on housing support (in community-based settings) retained a fraction of their income, perpetuating poverty and housing instability for participants.

#### **Transitional Housing Program (THP)**

Doubling the current income, THP will see a \$6M increase in 24/25 and a \$6M increase in 26/27.









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Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

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