

# 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) is in collaboration with over 100 member organizations throughout the state. We are a bipartisan organization supporting state policy that promotes housing stability and economic security across Minnesota. Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homelessness. MCH will support and defend legislation that protects resources utilized by low-wealth and under-resourced communities, including communities of color and/or Indigenous communities during the 2021 legislative session.



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**Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homelessness.**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM

**\$15 Million**  
Investment to Strengthen the Emergency Services Program (ESP)

**H.F. 315 | S.F. 455**

## SHELTER CAPITAL

**\$50 Million**  
Investment to Expand & Preserve Emergency Shelter Beds

**H.F. 21**

## HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

Investment to Support and Sustain Quality Affordable Housing Costs

**H.F. 601 | S.F. 319**

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*In 2021, our priorities include expanding emergency shelter beds to ensure no one has to sleep outside, investing in programs that cultivate long-term stability, and guaranteeing everyone in our community has a permanent place to call home. Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homelessness.*

## EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM (ESP)

**\$15 Million**

Emergency shelters are the starting point to gaining long-term stability. Stays at shelters are short-term (usually less than three months). Strengthening the Statewide Emergency Services Program with an increase of \$15M per biennium will empower communities across the state to find creative, flexible solutions that address homelessness in our Minnesota communities. Emergency shelters provide an individual or family experiencing homelessness a clean, safe place to sleep.

**H.F. 315 | S.F. 455**

## SHELTER CAPITAL

**\$50 Million**

Expanding emergency shelter beds will provide immediate and temporary housing for our most vulnerable Minnesotans. Emergency shelter beds generate a short-term solution for individuals and families sleeping outside. Investing in resources to expand emergency shelters will make improvements to Minnesota's rental and housing markets, while sustaining a healthy and prosperous community.

**H.F. 21**

## HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Housing Support program exists to prevent homelessness and help people obtain housing stability. It helps pay for housing costs for seniors and adults with disabilities who have low incomes. More than 4,300 individuals currently receive Housing Support in community settings, and that number is increasing. We can strengthen Housing Support to benefit more residents and landlords across the state by increasing base rate funding and waiving temporary absence requirements for individuals in need of healthcare treatment.

**H.F. 601 | S.F. 319**

## HOMES FOR ALL

*MCH advocates for the full continuum of housing including the entire Homes for All 2021 agenda. Please visit the Homes for All website for more information:  
[www.homesforallmn.org](http://www.homesforallmn.org)*



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