

2023-2024 POLICY OUTCOMES

In the 2023-24 biennium the Minnesota Legislature invested over 2 billion dollars toward housing and homelessness. These historic investments included the expansion and preservation of shelter spaces, funding that supports shelter operations, outreach, motel vouchers, prevention, and other key resources and services to support families, individuals, and seniors experiencing homelessness, and much more.

More info: www.mnhomelesscoalition.org

Shelter Capital

- In 2023, a \$100M one-time investment in shelter capital to create and enhance shelter spaces, and an additional eight shelters received direct appropriations of \$37.53M one-time funding through the Capital Investment budget.

Emergency Services Program (ESP)

- ESP is the state's most flexible source of funding that allows organizations and local communities to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Prior to 2022/23 the base funding availability was \$1.68M. Moving forward due to the 2023/24 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.
- In 2024 we received \$3.39M in one-time funding for shelters that can prove increased services or risk of closure

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP)

- The Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) is designed to provide flexible financial assistance and/or supportive services to families, youth, and single adults who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. \$95M one-time investment in FHPAP with a \$10M designation for tribes for the 2024/25 biennium.
- In 2024, FHPAP received \$8.1M in one-time funding. This was approximately 80% of the total budget target for housing during the 2024 legislative session.

Landlord Risk Mitigation Program

- The Landlord Risk Mitigation Program provides a financial guarantee and support to incentivize landlords to rent to tenants with barriers such as poor credit, criminal backgrounds, or poor rental history. Up to \$1M in funds from the FHPAP may be used as Landlord Risk Mitigation Program funds; additionally, landlord risk mitigation funds were added as an eligible use in the Bridges program.

Housing Infrastructure Appropriation | Public Housing Rehabilitation

- \$200M was appropriated for housing infrastructure and \$85M was passed for public housing rehabilitation. (Led by Homes for All MN)

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. (Led by Catholic Charities Twin Cities)

Transitional Housing Program (THP)

- Transitional housing provides short-term, affordable housing. In 2023, we doubled the budget from \$6M to \$12M ongoing funding.

Encampment Legislation

- In 2024, MCH led the work on a bill introduced for encampments. It did not pass but the work that went into it will set us up for future sessions.

A Working Group on Simplifying Supportive Housing

- Resources is established to streamline access, eligibility, and administration of state-funded supportive housing resources for people experiencing homelessness. (Led by Hearth Connection)

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