

MINNESOTA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) is comprised of over 120 member organizations throughout the state. MCH supports state policy that promotes housing stability, economic security, and racial equity across Minnesota. 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 2018 legislative session.

1 Homes for All Invest \$150 million to strengthen Minnesota's Housing Continuum.

\$140 million Build and preserve homes:

\$110M

Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB)

Create supportive rental housing

Preserve housing with existing federal investments

Promote homeownership through community land trusts

New eligible uses: senior and manufactured housing.

\$30M

General Obligation (GO) Bonds

Preserve over 3,000 units of housing for the lowest income Minnesotans across the state.

\$10 million Prevent and end homelessness, and promote affordable housing:

- \$2M in matching funds for communities that create and resource a Local Housing Trust Fund
- \$2M for Homework Starts at Home to support highly mobile students and their families
- \$6M in investments to prevent homelessness through rental assistance

- *Reinstate the renter's credit to manufactured homeowners in resident-owned communities.*
- *Invest in the Workforce Homeownership Program, which seeks to double workforce homeownership opportunities in Minnesota*

WHERE WE LIVE IMPACTS EVERYTHING.

Kids learn, workers earn, seniors thrive, & communities prosper

2 Protect Renters' Credit

At the end of each tax season, Minnesota renters receive a portion of the property taxes paid through rent in the form of a refund, otherwise known as the Renters' Credit. We oppose cuts to the Renters' Credit as it is an important tool to ensure that low and moderate wealth Minnesotans do not pay too high a share of their income in property taxes.

3 Prevent Fines & Fees Debt

Fines and fees from traffic tickets and low-level violations strip assets from communities. This creates a debt trap and has a significant impact on low-wealth individuals and people of color. Waiving fees or creating an 'Ability to Pay' factor would allow Minnesotans to maintain/reinstate their driver's license so they can get to work, pay their fines, and avoid a criminal record.



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