Emergency shelters are the starting point to gaining long term stability. With lodging on a short-term basis (usually less than three months) emergency shelters provide a homeless individual or family with a clean, safe place to stay. Strengthening the statewide Emergency Services Program with an increase of $15M per biennium is a smart investment because where we live impacts every aspect of our lives. When everyone has a place to call home, children learn, workers earn, seniors thrive, and communities prosper.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), is the state’s welfare-to-work program. MFIP cash assistance hasn’t increased since 1986. MFIP provides employment support and temporary cash assistance to children and their parents who are striving toward full-time employment. Many low-wage working parents do not qualify for unemployment insurance when they lose work. Instead, they must turn to MFIP for time-limited help.
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) is comprised of over 100 member organizations throughout the state. We are a bipartisan organization supporting 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 2019 legislative session.

MCH believes that affordable housing is essential for communities and economies to grow. We propose a $15M increase in the Emergency Services Program. We know that where we live impacts everything. Home is where children learn, workers earn, seniors thrive, and how communities prosper.

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MCH SUPPORTS

Homes for All 2019-2020 Legislative Agenda

MCH advocates for the full continuum of housing including the entire Homes for All 2019-2020 agenda. Please visit our Homes for All website for more information: www.homesforallmn.org

Restore the Vote

MCH supports Restore the Vote and its efforts to allow people who have served their time and are living in their community to vote.

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