

Minnesota Housing's FY 2026-2027 Budget

Governor Walz's and Lt. Governor Flanagan's budget provides resources to address the range of housing needs experienced by Minnesotans in all regions of the state, while focusing on closing disparities and assisting lowest-income Minnesotans and underserved geographies:

- Rental and homeownership
- New construction and preservation
- Deeply affordable housing and market-rate housing in Greater Minnesota
- Homelessness prevention and homeownership development
- Rental assistance and downpayment assistance

Governor's Housing Budget at a Glance		
FY 2026-2027 Governor's Recommendation	\$165.6 million	
Increase/Decrease Over Base Budget	\$0	
Total FY 2026-2027 Recommendations	\$165.6 million	

Governor's Budget Recommendations by Area		
	FY 2026-2027	
Preserve and Create New Homes	\$53.8 million	
Increase Housing Stability	\$106.0 million	
Support and Strengthen Homeownership	\$4.5 million	
Build and Support Organizational Capacity	\$1.3 million	

Governor's Budget Recommendations by Program				
Program	Description	FY 2026-2027		
	PRESERVE AND CREATE NEW HOMES			
Economic Development and Housing Challenge (Challenge)	Funds both multifamily rental and single-family homeownership new construction and redevelopment. Leverages federal, private and local government funds.	\$25.9 million		
Workforce Homeownership Program	Provides development resources to increase the supply of homeownership opportunities.	\$0.5 million		
Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing Program	Provides competitive financial assistance to build market-rate residential rental properties in Greater Minnesota.	\$4 million		
Manufactured Home Community Infrastructure Grants	Provides grants for manufactured home community acquisition, improvements and infrastructure.	\$2 million		
Rental Rehabilitation Loans	Rehabs federally subsidized rental housing in Greater Minnesota.	\$7.5 million		
Preservation (PARIF)	Assists with repair, rehabilitation and stabilization of federally assisted rental housing that is at risk of aging out of federal assistance programs.	\$8.4 million		
Rehab Loans (Single Family)	Helps low-income homeowners make basic health and safety improvements to their homes.	\$5.5 million		

	INCREASE HOUSING STABILITY		
Bring It Home Rental Assistance	Provides statewide rental assistance to cost-burdened renters with a priority to families with children. Rental assistance in the metro area is also funded via a .25% metro-area sales tax.	\$46 million	
Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance	Provides short-term assistance to families at risk of homelessness. Types of assistance may include one-time rental payments, assistance with first or last month's rent, or one-time mortgage payments.	\$20.5 million	
Housing Trust Fund	Provides rental assistance for individuals and families, many of whom have previously experienced homelessness.	\$23.3 million	
Homework Starts with Home	Provides rent and other housing assistance to families with children that lack housing stability.	\$5.5 million	
Bridges	Provides rental assistance for families in which at least one adult household member has a serious mental illness.	\$10.7 million	
SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN HOMEOWNERSHIP			
Downpayment Assistance	Provides funding for the Agency's downpayment and closing cost assistance loan program. Serves low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers across the state.	\$1.8 million	
Homeownership Education, Counseling and Training Fund (HECAT)	Provides both pre-purchase homebuyer counseling and foreclosure prevention counseling services.	\$1.7 million	
Build Wealth	Direct appropriation to support capacity.	\$1 million	
BUILD AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY			
Capacity Building	Provides grants to organizations for regional coordination, housing planning and to build capacity.	\$1.3 million	
TOTAL		\$165.6 million	