



February 20, 2025

Re: Establishment of the Greater Minnesota Senior Housing Infrastructure Grant Program

Chair Port and members of the Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to voice our support for SF 1227 (Draheim), which would establish a Greater Minnesota Senior Housing Infrastructure Grant Program modeled after the existing Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure program. Senior housing is critical part of the housing continuum, and the League supports additional state resources to support the development of senior housing in greater Minnesota communities where the production is extremely low.

While we currently have the Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant program in place, any additional resources to support local communities across Minnesota to help fund the infrastructure necessary to support and accommodate new housing developments and the new residents that come with them is sorely needed. Funding for infrastructure grants available to cities to assist with the cost of providing critical infrastructure will help ensure that residential sites for senior housing are shovel ready for development and will pave the way for new housing construction that supports local economic growth and provide more housing opportunities for residents.

We thank Senator Draheim for his support in providing additional resources for housing infrastructure grants to support local government efforts in attracting senior housing development. We appreciate the committee's focus on community and developer needs when it comes to resources to support the infrastructure needed to help our communities grow and provide housing across the continuum that is affordable to residents.

Thank you for your consideration and we encourage members to support SF 1227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Lightfoot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Lightfoot
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