



Minnesota Homeless Study

A Project of Wilder Research

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Funding request

Study impact

Supports **community well-being** by giving local and state government, homeless and housing service providers, and the many organizations serving the community (e.g. healthcare, etc.) easily accessible, reliable data informing how to support families and individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

- Tracks progress in efforts to reduce and ultimately eliminate homelessness in Minnesota
- Guides the planning and design of services and programs that address the needs of those experiencing homelessness and housing instability



Wilder Research, a division of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, is requesting \$1.8 million to efficiently fund the critical, accurate, and comprehensive study of homelessness across Minnesota. At this time, the study has no allocated funding starting next fiscal year.

The method used in the study is far superior to other homeless data sources and provides much more tangible evidence of whether we are making progress in ending homelessness or not... Without this information, Minnesota would not be able to prove their investments are working OR show the need for more investments to end homelessness.

- Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

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Impact statements below demonstrate how the study positively impacts organizations and communities across the state.

Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities We use the information from this study as we improve our programs and services for people experiencing homelessness, hunger, and addiction...Should this study end, it would be highly detrimental to our ability to know how we can better serve the community. Put simply, people would fall through the cracks.

Minnesota Tribal Collaborative Since 2006 the data collected from the Homeless and Near Homeless on American Indian Reservations survey, has been used to prioritize needs, identify systemic issues, and improve programs and policies to address homelessness in our state. After the 2006 data was collected, Minnesota tribes used the data to develop the first in the U.S.A. tribal plans to prevent and end homelessness.

Oasis Central Minnesota The Minnesota Homeless Study has been instrumental in shaping our programs. This data informs the development of effective, targeted initiatives that address the root causes of homelessness and housing instability—leading to higher success rates in long-term housing stability and reducing the length of shelter stays for participants. Without continued funding for this study, we would face significant obstacles in both program delivery and securing the necessary resources to meet the full scope of our community's needs.

Metro Transit Police Department Homeless Action Team ...outreach partners from non-profits heavily rely on funding from grants. The data that the Homeless Study provides is highly necessary to support applications for such grants. It is also important because we use the data to back our financial requests for supplies and for contracting services/partners, which we do every year. This data is more important than ever for us, and many other organizations, in a time when homelessness is increasing, and service providers are struggling to keep up.

Catholic Charities Twin Cities For many years now, we have drawn on rich descriptive information the study provides to inform our service delivery models, raise funds, and shape our advocacy activities.

