

March 31, 2025

Chair Lindsey Port
Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee

Re: First-Generation Homebuyer Community Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program

Chair Port and Committee Members:

We are delighted to see that the Senate Omnibus Housing bill contains an appropriation for continued funding of the First-Generation Homebuyers Community Down Payment Assistance (Community First Gen DPA) program! The codification of this program in chapter 462A is especially notable. Funds dedicated to the Community First Gen DPA program will facilitate housing for people who haven't had access to it before.

When fully utilized, the 2023 appropriated funds will provide down payment assistance for approximately **2,900 new first-generation homeowners**. As of March 31, 2025, **838 buyers have purchased homes**, 397 are shopping or awaiting closing, and 624 applicants are pending lender assignment, **totaling 1,859 applicants or 64% of available loans**. With 100 new applicants per week, we expect to **close the application by mid-June 2025** or sooner if demand increases. An **additional \$2 million** will add approximately **60 homebuyers**.

We greatly appreciate your support of this critical funding source. Evidence shows that stable homes improve education, health and financial outcomes for individuals and families. This investment in the future of Minnesotans will reap benefits for many years to come.

Sincerely,



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