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Subject: Report on Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund Activity

Minnesota Statutes 327C.095, Subd. 13 (h) requires Minnesota Housing to submit a report on the Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund annually each year. The Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund (Trust Fund) was established in 2007. The Trust Fund assists owners of manufactured homes with expenses if their manufactured home park closes.

Park owners are required to make payments to the Trust Fund when their manufactured housing park is being closed. A cap on the amount paid by the park owner is set in the statute and varies depending on whether a home will be moved or abandoned (Minn. Stat. § 327C. 095, Subd. 12 (a)).

The local government in which the closing manufactured home park is located is required to appoint a neutral third party to resolve questions or disputes regarding contributions to and disbursements from the Trust Fund (Minn. Stat. § 327C. 095, Subd. 4). Based on the neutral third party's decisions, Minnesota Housing makes payments out of the Trust Fund to homeowners, moving and towing contractors and others.

On July 1, 2024, Minnesota Housing took responsibility from Minnesota Management and Budget for assessing manufactured park owners \$15.00 per licensed lot in accordance to M.S. 327C.095, Subd. 12 (c) which allows collection of payments when the Trust Fund is less than \$2,000,000 as of June 30 of each year. Under current law, park owners may collect this amount from those renting in the park. Since the Trust Fund was above \$2,000,000 on 6/30/25, there were no collections this year.

The following is a summary of the Trust Fund revenues and payments for FY 2025.

## FY 2025 MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

Beginning Balance at 7/1/2024	\$2,071,169
Total Revenues	\$9,764
Total Payments	\$22,943
Administrative expenses deducted from the Trust Fund-MHFA	\$4,029
Balance in Trust Fund – 6/30/2025	\$2,053,961

The Trust Fund did not have any deficiencies in FY 2025.

A total of five payments were processed in FY 2025. Four to former residents and one to Squires, Waldspurger & Mace for acting as neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party. There are 2 active park closures, Broadmoor Valley which is in active litigation and Maple Fields in Hermantown which has a possible sale pending and may keep the park open.

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