

SUSTAIN THE GAIN

Protecting state investments and 20 years of gains in ending homelessness.



OUR HOMELESS RESPONSE IS AT RISK

Minnesota's homeless response system: a network of state, tribal, county, and private partnerships is facing an unprecedented emergency. In late 2025, hundreds of supportive housing projects faced major loss and uncertainty on state and federal funding, leaving them in immediate limbo.

Without state intervention, providers will be forced to reduce services or close programs.

We are asking the state to **Sustain Minnesota's Gains** in ending homelessness by providing **\$40M** of significant, flexible funding to bridge the gap left by federal and state losses.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORKS

- Minnesota invests the majority (83%) of federal CoC funds in supportive housing
- **Supportive housing is a proven model for ending homelessness** and helping people build strong foundations to move forward.
- Supportive housing is **one of the most studied effective interventions** related to homelessness.
- **Supportive housing saves taxpayer money.** By providing a stable home with services, we reduce the "revolving door" costs of emergency rooms, psychiatric hospitals, and county jails—often saving upwards of \$18,000 per person, per year in public service offsets.

- **Prevent Mass Displacement:** Keep the doors open for thousands of households statewide.
- **Protect State Assets:** Ensure that the hundreds of millions in state bonds used to build these units are protected by keeping these buildings operational.
- **Maintain Public Safety:** Prevent a spike in unsheltered homelessness to maintain the health and safety of every community in Minnesota.

DAILY COST TO OUR COMMUNITIES



HOSPITALIZATION
\$1,200
PER PERSON



INCARCERATION
\$131
PER PERSON



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
\$72
PER HOUSEHOLD

"MINNESOTA HAS THE SOLUTION.

WE MUST NOW HAVE THE FISCAL RESOLVE TO SUSTAIN IT."

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CoC Funds Support:



Rental Assistance

Money provided to help people pay rent so they can live in safe housing.
The goal is to make housing affordable.



Support Services

Help provided to people so they can stay housed, e.g. case management, employment support, crisis assistance.
The goal is to support long-term success in housing.



Administration

Work needed to run programs, e.g. keep records, manage financials, processes, policies and reporting
The goal is to make sure program are compliant and running smoothly.



HMIS

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a data base used to keep information about people experiencing homelessness.
The goal is to track services provided, program and system outcomes.



Coordinated Entry

A community-wide process for people experiencing homelessness to get help and find housing.
The goal is to provide pathways out of homelessness and manage community resources.



Planning Grants

Funds given to a region to organize in the local community & improve its homeless response system.
The goal is to make the system work better for everyone.