MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP — CELEBRATING 20 YEARS & BUILDING

The mission of Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) is to promote homes for all Minnesotans and assist Minnesota communities in the creation and preservation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people.





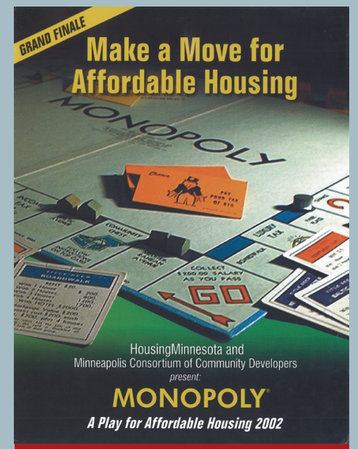
Right to Housing Campaign
Coordinated by MHP, Minnesota's first broad-based affordable housing campaign.
(1995)

HousingMinnesota Campaign
With the Minneapolis Foundation as catalyst, MHP coordinates this innovative media and advocacy campaign strengthening public support for affordable housing.
(1999)









"World's Largest Monopoly Game" at MN State Fair—In partnership with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, this interactive, multi-media HousingMinnesota booth promotes affordable housing and raises funds for housing advocacy.
(2001–2002)





TWENTY YEARS

Education, Advocacy & Policy Work · Capacity-Building Work · MHP Milestone

1987

Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) grows as a coalition of community groups and nonprofit developers on affordable housing— to be their voice to the governor's commission guiding the state's role for housing in the 90s.

1988

Minnesota Housing Trust Fund (MHTF)—MHP, with MN Coalition for the Homeless, successfully establishes the MHTF.

1989

MHP incorporates as a nonprofit—MHP founded to bring together public and private resources to create and sustain a permanent supply of affordable housing.

1990

Regional Networks—With support from Northwest Area Foundation & MN Housing (MHFA), MHP fosters collaboration among the Greater Minnesota-based housing agencies later called Regional Networks.

1992

MHP Capacity Building Program—With support from McKnight, MHP launches its loan and grant program for Greater Minnesota affordable housing developers—a key investment to strengthen organizations' ability to meet housing needs in their communities.

MHP creates its 1st public education campaign, called AHEaD.

1993

AmeriCorps*VISTA—MHP selected by the Corporation for National & Community Service for the first of 14 years in placing VISTA members with housing groups across Minnesota.

1995
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MHP begins HUD Technical Assistance (TA)—Leading a consortium of agencies, MHP provides TA statewide to organizations that use HUD funding.

MHP administers Crisis Housing program—MN Dept. of Human Services contracts with MHP to manage this statewide program enabling people treated for mental illness to remain in their housing.

MHP serves as agent of Resolution Trust Corporation—In the wake of the Savings & Loan crisis, MHP facilitates transfers of rental housing to Upper Midwest nonprofits.

1997

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota—MHP organizes the statewide association of Habitat affiliates and, with Minnesota Housing (MHFA), establishes a secondary market program for Habitat homebuyer loans.

1998

"4d" Legislation—Informed by LISC-supported research, MHP leads the successful campaign to establish a special tax classification for affordable rental housing (4d).

Enterprise Foundation expands MHP's technical assistance—Through MHP, the Enterprise Foundation demonstrates the utility of its financial tools in rural areas.

1999

MHP's 10th Anniversary—With a new logo and theme, MHP celebrates its first 10 years.

2001

2002

First "Homes for All" convention—This HousingMinnesota conference is the largest gathering of affordable housing supporters in the state.

2003

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) training program
MHP coordinates the statewide training program to track data for delivery of services to homeless people.

2004

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)—With U.S. Dept. of Agriculture funding, MHP supports nonprofits in small rural communities to develop affordable housing.

2005

"Achieving Homes for All: Alternative Revenue Sources for Affordable Housing in Minnesota"—This MHP report analyzes funding needs to meet the state's affordable housing gap.

"4d" Legislation campaign—MHP leads the effort which reestablishes "4d" (see 1998), after it was eliminated in 2001's property tax reform.

Minnesota Federal Housing Action Coalition (MnFHAC)—Co-sponsored by MHP, MnFHAC ensures that Minnesota's congressional delegation understands and supports the use of federal housing resources in Minnesota.

2006

2nd "Homes for All"—Sponsored by several agencies with MHP as host, the conference again demonstrates statewide support for affordable housing.

"Trends in Housing Affordability" web resource first published—MHP's annual "Housing Trends" graphically represents shifts in housing cost burden, foreclosure, homelessness, and earnings versus housing costs.

2008

MHP publishes "Investment At Risk: Public Housing in Minnesota" and "Manufactured Housing in Minnesota: Overview & Policy Changes"
These reports provide the research foundation for campaigns for new state investment in public and manufactured housing.

2009

"Housing as a Lever for Economic Stimulus"—Co-sponsored by the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, the MHP study finds that state funding for housing infrastructure is a powerful tool to create jobs, economic activity, and public revenues.

Legislative Housing Caucus—With MHP support, the Minnesota legislature creates this vehicle for legislators to better understand and seek solutions to the state's housing needs.

MHP's 20th Anniversary—MHP celebrates 20 years of collaborative work across the state to ensure all Minnesotans have decent homes they can afford.