SAHA and LAHA: Survey of Select Jurisdictions

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature approved the Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) program, funded by a 0.25% Metro sales tax for use in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan area, and a Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) program funded through appropriations. Cities and counties have discretion to spend funds on a broad range of eligible affordable housing projects, including for emergency rental assistance.

In 2025, the Minnesota ERASE campaign conducted a short survey of select cities and counties, to gain more information about their utilization of Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) and Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) to date. Responses are briefly summarized. Funding numbers are rounded. Exact numbers are available via the Department of Revenue website. Please contact each jurisdiction directly for more information on their utilization of SAHA and LAHA funding.

The Minnesota ERASE (End Rental Arrears and Stop Evictions) Campaign is a coalition of housing advocacy groups that works to end rental debt, prevent evictions, and create long-term policy solutions for housing instability and homelessness in Minnesota. Minnesota ERASE is co-convened by MHP, the Housing Justice Center, and ACER.

Name	2024 LAHA	2024 SAHA	2025 LAHA	2025 SAHA	Non-ERA funding	ERA Funding	General Framework
Anoka County	$3.4 million	$417,000	$9.1 million	$180,000	2023-24: Funds dedicated to create new multifamly development, with some supportive housing units.	No. Will consider as needed. HRA would give the funds to County Human Services to implement.	All funds awarded to Anoka County HRA.
Blue Earth County		$165,000		$70,000	For both Mankato and Blue Earth County the SAHA funding was placed in the Housing Trust Funds with funds targeted for the Partnership Community Land Trust; goal to build 10 new homes.	No. Using other sources (Local Homeless Prevention Aid, then will use Bring it Home).	
Carver County	$1.6 million	$170,600	$4.3 million	$73,500	Carver County CDA funds are deposited in a LHTF, and split between: 1) downpayment assistance; 2) rehab; 3) gap financing for multi-family projects	Yes. 30% of funds, admistered by human services, to be split between rental assistance and grants to supportive housing providers.	Funding frameworks is 70% all funds to Carver CDA, 30% to Human Services.
Dakota County	$4.1 million	$517,000	$10.9 million	$223,000	Prevention Services, Housing Clinic, Apartment Services, PSH services, affordbale housing development and preservation, home improvement loans	10% of 2025 LAHA funds.	Funding split between Dakota County Social Services and the Dakota County CDA, follows the Dakota County Housing Plan framework
Hennepin County	$12.5 million	$1,722,000	$32.7 million	$728,000	2024 and 2025: Also funded emergency shelter, supportive housing services, sustaining subsidized housing, and affordable homeownership.	Yes. $5,500,000 in 2024, $5,000,000 in 2025.	Board approved an implementation framework in 2023. Hennepin County Board makes funding determinations during its annual budget process.
Olmsted County		$241,600		$105,000	Renovation of family shelter (2023 & 2024). Used 2025 funding for a revolving loan to build an affordable single family home (as part of a larger project with other county and HRA funds.)	No. Using Local Homeless Prevention Aid for ERA.	Olmsted County is allocating these funds to the HRA, which is using them for various activities.
Otter Tail County		$143,700		$61,000	Development of affordable small multi-unit properties (2 triplexes, property with 6 affordable units).	No.	
Scott County	$1.9 million	$211,000	$5.0 million	$90,000	Some funds to County for Emergency Shelter operating, and operating for re-entry homes. Some funds to CDA for a LHTF. Projects funded include a residential rehab program, other affordable housing projects (land trust, new construction) and some funds yet to be allocated.	Yes. A flexible amount, described as landlord engagement/eviction prevention - rental assistance and outreach programming.	The CDA has agreements with 2 of 3 cities in the county that receive LAHA, to administer their LAHA funding. Have received a slide that summarizes uses by the County and by the CDA.
St Louis County		$321,300		$137,000	2024: gap financing for permanent supportive housing project & operations for a shelter. 2025: Range transitional housing (note this includes ERA).	Yes. $90K for emergency assistance in 2025 + Range Transitional Houisng (includes ERA)	

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Bloomington, City of	$567,400		$1.5 million	0	Dividing funds 50/50 between affordable homeownership and affordable development projects. From first funding tranch, $250,000 was allocated to a Direct Income Based Assistance Program for residents of The Heights to support affordable homeownership. The remaining 2024 funds ($267,427) and future funds received from this source would be allocated to the recommended 50/50 split.	No	Yes. Dividing funds 50/50 between homeownership and development projects.
Brooklyn Park, City of	$464,100		$1.2 million	0	50/50 to 1) home improvement loan programs; 2) NOAH preservation. (Prioritizes preservation of existing affordable housing outside of or on the edge of the Zane Avenue corridor)	No.	Yes. 50/50 to 1) home improvement loan programs; 2) NOAH preservation. (Prioritizes preservation of existing affordable housing outside of or on the edge of the Zane Avenue corridor)
Mankato, City of		$289,000		$123,000	For both Mankato and Blue Earth County the SAHA funding was placed in the Housing Trust Funds with funds targeted for the Partnership Community Land Trust; goal to build 10 new homes.	No	
Minneapolis, City of	$3.3 million		$8.6 million	0	Affordable rental stabilization fund, Affordable Housing Trust Fund projects, affordable homeownership and preservation.	No. City has budgeted $1.8M of local funds for ERA for 2025.	
St Paul, City of	$2,200,000.00		$5.7 million	0	Multifamily rehab (funds not out yet).	Yes. Will use $2 million from 2025 LAHA for new ERA program.	
Woodbury, City of	$302,000		$844,500	0	Will divide funds between: 1) expanding downpayment assistance; 2) land banking for new developments; 3) gap financing fund (desire to be last in on projects).	No.	