



# Housing Trust Fund Program Updates



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# Program History & Partnership

## Established in 2002

### **Metro HRA (lead applicant)**

- Rent calculations and Housing Quality Standards Inspections

### **Anoka County (grantee)**

- Program referrals, housing stability, and intervention services

# Program History & Partnership

**2002**

Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) partnership established with a maximum subsidy of \$350 per month

**2007**

Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) partnership established with a maximum subsidy of \$400 per month

**2020**

Housing Trust Fund subsidy calculation was updated to a deeper 30% model

# Current award

## 2021-2023

- Grant period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023
- Awarded \$609,000 in this biennium
- 23 – 29 households assisted each month
- Increased emphasis on housing stability and intervention

# Homework Starts with Home

## Anoka County Planning Award

- **2019:** Anoka County applied for and was awarded for the Homework Starts with Home Planning (HSWH) Grant
- **2021:** Findings report outlined the educational outcomes of youth and families experiencing homelessness in Anoka County

# Homework Starts with Home

## 2023 Application

### Anoka County (lead applicant)

- Submit application for HSWH, including Housing Trust Fund rental assistance

### Metro HRA (grantee)

- Rent calculations and Housing Quality Inspections to HSWH participant families

# Homework Starts with Home

## Place-based strategies

- **2020:** Adoption of Waiting List preference for HSWH program at Solid Ground (Ramsey County)
- In discussion with other partners to support this program and other similar efforts:
  - Anoka County
  - Hennepin County
  - Carver County





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