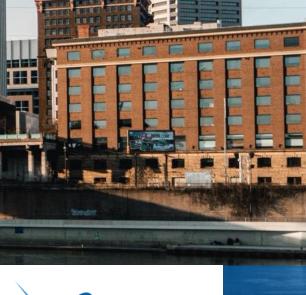
Housing Trust Fund Program Updates

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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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