Family Affordable Housing Program

Suburban affordable housing opportunity

The Metropolitan Council established the Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP) to serve families with low and extremely low incomes. The FAHP was designed, in part, to help implement the 1995 Hollman Consent Decree.

The Council assisted in the region’s response to the lawsuit by developing affordable housing opportunities in suburban locations free of the long-term impacts from concentrated poverty and racial conflict.

The Metropolitan Council used federal dollars to acquire and modernize 150 quality affordable housing units. The state, local governments and philanthropic organizations also provided funding.

Housing units

The Council owns 150 single family homes and town-homes, with two to five bedrooms. The units are scattered sites located in suburban Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Participating communities include:

- Anoka County - Blaine and Coon Rapids
- Hennepin County - Eden Prairie, Edina, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Richfield
- Ramsey County - Roseville and Shoreview

The Council retains a professional property management company to provide day-to-day management services. Council staff provides professional asset management to ensure FAHP units are managed and maintained according to Council standards. The FAHP program operates under federal regulations, including the Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Program.

Eligibility

The FAHP serves families with incomes at or below 50% of area median income (AMI). Eligible families may rent units for 30% of their adjusted monthly income. Applicants must also meet stringent eligibility requirements, including positive landlord references and clean criminal histories, and must be U.S. citizens or legal residents of the U.S.

Income limits

FAHP placement is limited to families with incomes at or below 50% of the area median income.

Household income must be below the following limits to qualify:

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Funding

The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Waiting list

Participants for the FAHP units must be on the Metro HRA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. Currently the Metro HRA waiting list is closed and is not accepting applications. When the Metro HRA opens their waiting list it is announced at/on housinglink.org and the Metro Information line 651-602-1880.

For more information

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