

HENNEPIN COUNTY
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 26, 2021

The Honorable Kathleen Martin
Mayor of the City of Medina
2052 County Road 24
Medina, MN 55340

RE: Proposed 2021 Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Activities

Dear Mayor Martin:

The Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) was created under Minnesota Statute 383B.77 in 1987. The HCHRA has all the powers granted by the statewide “HRA Act” (MS 469.001 to 469.047).

MS 383B.77 requires the HCHRA to notify municipal authorities by January 31 of each year as to the activities the HCHRA may administer/facilitate within communities during the upcoming year. Communities may **opt out** of one or more HCHRA activities by notifying the HCHRA in writing to that effect within 45 days of the date of this notice.

Using a mix of federal, state, local, and private funding sources, the HCHRA has identified the following activities for program year 2021:

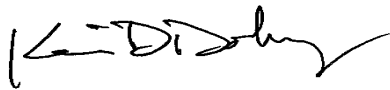
Activity Name	Description	HCHRA Contact
Home Rehabilitation Loan Program	Assists low-income homeowners in financing basic home improvements that directly affect the safety, habitability, energy efficiency or accessibility of their homes.	Linda Tahri (612-348-8955)
Home Accessibility Ramp Program	Provides financial and technical assistance for the construction of accessibility ramps and/or low-riser stairs for low- and moderate-income disabled homeowners.	Kelly Koch (612-348-9793)
Affordable Housing Incentive Fund Program (AHIF)	Provides capital funding to assist in the development of long-term affordable housing units. Projects are selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process and require a supporting city council resolution before receiving assistance.	Spencer Agnew (612-348-2205)
Lead and Healthy Homes Loan Program	Deferred loans and grants to assist low-and moderate-income home owners with lead-based paint and healthy homes hazards and asthma trigger supplies.	Melisa Illies (612-348-2020)
Supportive Housing Strategy	Provides capital funding to assist in the development of long-term affordable, supportive housing units for Hennepin County priority population groups.	Julia Welle Ayres (612-543-4342)
Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Impact Fund	Supports acquisition of at-risk naturally occurring affordable housing through a third-party provider (Greater Minnesota Housing Fund).	Spencer Agnew (612-348-2205)



Tax forfeit properties	As funding permits, supports the reuse of tax forfeit vacant homes and lots for long-term affordable homeownership.	Julia Welle Ayres (612-543-4342)
Fair Housing Programs	As funding permits, supports various recommendations from the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. These may include, but are not limited to, homebuyer education, fair housing testing, and programs supporting tenants and landlords.	Julia Welle Ayres (612-543-4342)
Conduit Financing	Finance the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing through issuance of housing revenue bonds.	Spencer Agnew (612-348-2205)
Transit Oriented Development Program (TOD)	Provides capital funding to assist development and development-supportive infrastructure projects proximate to priority transit corridors and hubs. Projects are selected through a competitive RFP process and must be in a recognized redevelopment area and receive a supporting city council resolution before receiving assistance.	Ryan Kelley (612-348-4191)
Open to Business	Provides matching funds to cities to offer small business technical assistance and access to capital to their entrepreneur community through the nonprofit Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD).	Mary Matze (612-348-9812)
CEO Next Business Institute	Provides technical assistance to companies that have grown beyond the startup phase and need access to information and decision-making tools typically only available to larger companies.	Mary Matze (612-348-9812)
Elevate Business HC	Provides an online business resource network to businesses in Hennepin County. Specialized, advanced technical assistance, peer forums, and topical webinars are available at no cost to business owners.	Patricia Fitzgerald (612-543-0864)

We look forward to continuing to work with you in implementing these programs and to develop additional innovative approaches to address housing and community development needs. Please feel free to contact the staff person listed at the end of each program description for further details on the programs or specific funding allocations.

Sincerely,



Kevin Dockry
Deputy Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Chris LaTondresse, Chair
Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Vice-Chair
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