



Community Reviewer Application

The following information should be used for reference only. To apply to be a Community Reviewer, please visit [Minnesota Housing's website](#).

Minnesota Housing invites members of the community to apply to be Community Reviewers to score grant applications and recommend funding to Agency grantees. Minnesota Housing strives to create a grantmaking process that values, listens to and acts on the input of community, especially those who have experienced housing challenges.

Minnesota Housing is limiting the number of applications for the Community Reviewer Program to no more than 500. We will accept Community Reviewer applications until the April 1, 2026, deadline or until we receive 500 applications, whichever comes first.

Minnesota Housing encourages interested community members to attend a Community Reviewer Information Session and apply early if interested in this opportunity.

Community Reviewer Application Data Privacy Notice

The purpose of this notice is to enable you to make an informed decision about whether to give data about yourself. This information is collected to select Community Reviewers for Minnesota Housing grants.

You are not legally required to provide any of the requested data; however, if you do not provide the data you will not be eligible to be selected as a reviewer. Your data will be shared with Minnesota Housing and any other parties as the Agency deems necessary to evaluate the application. The data can also be shared upon court order, with the state or legislative auditor or in response to a data request.

Responses submitted by an applicant are private until the responses are opened. Once the responses are opened, the name of the applicant is public. All other data in a response is private data until completion of the evaluation process. All information provided in the application will be public once the reviewers are selected.

Community Reviewer Application Questions

Contact and Demographic Information

1. Name:
2. Pronouns (examples, she/her, he/him, they/them):
3. Primary phone number:
4. Alternate phone number:
5. Email address:
6. Employer (if applicable):
7. Do you work for the State of Minnesota (state employees are not eligible to receive compensation)
 - Yes
 - No
8. Are you 18 years of age or older?
 - Yes
 - No
9. Which method of communication do you prefer when Minnesota Housing needs to contact you?
 - Email:
 - Phone call:
 - Text message:
10. Please provide us with the Minnesota zip code of the area you live or stay in?
 - Zip Code?
11. The following demographic questions will assist Minnesota Housing in identifying target audiences and communities directly impacted by housing challenges and disparities. Your participation in this section is optional.
 - Racial and Ethnic Background: What race and/or ethnicity do you identify? Please mark all that apply (optional).
 - i. Black-American/African
 - Please specify _____
 - ii. American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native
 - Please specify _____
 - iii. Asian
 - Please specify _____
 - iv. Latino/a/e
 - Please specify _____
 - v. Middle Eastern/ Arab/ North African
 - Please specify _____

vi. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Please specify _____

vii. White/European
o Please specify

viii. Other Race or Ethnicity (Please specify) _____

ix. Prefer not to disclose

Sexual Orientation: Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation/gender identity?

- i. Two Spirit
- ii. Lesbian
- iii. Gay
- iv. Bisexual
- v. Trans/ GNC
- vi. Queer
- vii. Intersex
- viii. Asexual
- ix. Heterosexual/ Straight
- x. Other (please list)
- xi. Prefer not to disclose

Veteran: Are you a veteran?

- i. Yes
- ii. No
- iii. Prefer not to disclose

Do you or have you ever identified as person with a disability?

- i. Yes
- ii. No
- iii. Prefer not to disclose

Are you a refugee or immigrant?

- i. Yes
- ii. No
- iii. Prefer not to disclose

Fit and Eligibility

12. Have you faced any of the following housing challenges? Please mark all that apply.

- Health-related housing challenges (Asbestos or lead based homes)
- Climate & Environmental-Related Housing Challenges (Living in High Flood Zone)
- Homelessness
- Housing discrimination (Experience housing-related discrimination)

- Income-related housing challenge (Risk of eviction/eviction and risk of foreclosure/foreclosure or inability to afford rent, receiving a housing voucher)
 - Housing instability/housing insecurity (for example: living in a shelter, experiencing or being at risk of an eviction, living doubled-up with friends or family, living in a place not meant for human habitation like camping or in a car)
 - Living in a manufactured home
 - Other
 - please describe
 - I have not faced any housing challenges

13. Can you commit around 20-28 hours of work (total)?

- Yes
- Unsure (please explain)
- No (Please explain)

14. Do you have access to email, a computer (with microphone or telephone for audio) and internet access to participate in required meetings?

- Yes
- No _ Please explain what access you will need?
 - Will need access to a hotspot for wifi
 - Will need a computer/ tablet/ device
 - Other
 - Please explain

15. Are you able to keep all application documents and information confidential by making sure that you are the only one that sees the application and scoring materials and are in a private space when reviewing applications and at trainings, meetings, and interviews?

- Yes
- Unsure (please explain)
- No (please explain)

16. Can you participate in virtual meetings, complete required activities, and submit the required materials?

- Yes
- Unsure (please explain)
- No (please explain)

17. Please select grants that you might be interested in reviewing. Mark all that apply.

- Capacity Building Grant:
 - Minnesota Housing's Capacity Building Program funds activities to build the capacity of organizations and communities to improve the housing system and create thriving communities. Communities facing housing challenges and disparities know their needs best and play a central role in creating

solutions. Minnesota Housing trusts organizations and communities to use their knowledge and creativity to develop strategies that work for them.

BRIDGES:

- Grant that funds agencies that work and have experience with people experiencing mental health issues and are justice system involved.

Regional Planning Grant:

- The RPG supports Greater Minnesota's six Continuums of Care (CoCs) and Tribal Nations in working with state agencies to prevent and end homelessness. The grant recognizes the need for the four core activities below, which directly benefit the state of Minnesota: Regional coordination, Coordinated Entry operations, Homeless data management, and Cross-system collaboration.

Manufactured Housing Infrastructure:

- The Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment Program is a grant program to fund infrastructure improvements or the acquisition of manufactured home parks.
- The program addresses the needs of aging manufactured home communities around the state and prioritizes projects based on health, safety and critical need improvements. It also prioritizes projects leveraging support from local municipalities or projects converting a community to a cooperative ownership model.

Impact Fund:

- The Community Homeownership Impact Fund (Impact Fund) provides funding for developers and administrators of single family, owner-occupied affordable housing activity throughout the state through the competitive Single-Family Request for Proposals (RFP).

Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP):

- The Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) provides supportive services and financial assistance, such as rent deposits, rent payments or utility payments, to eligible households that are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Homework Starts with Home (HSWH):

- HSWH is a grant that focuses on addressing housing instability and homelessness among students and their families. The program provides supportive services in addition to financial assistance including rent, rental deposit, utilities and other housing related costs.

Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant Program:

- This program makes grants to counties and cities to cover a portion of the capital costs of public infrastructure necessary to support workforce and

affordable housing development projects. Infrastructure projects typically include things like land acquisition, roadway and water and sewer improvements.

Lead Safe Homes Grant Program:

- Grant funds will be administered by nonprofits and local units of government, and support making homes safer through lead testing and hazard reduction.

18. Are you from a community that has historically faced housing challenges? If so, please describe.

19. What motivates you to serve as a Community Reviewer for Minnesota Housing?

20. What unique expertise or perspectives would you contribute to the grant review process?