



Affordable Housing Trust Fund 2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

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**Applications Due:
July 15, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

I. INTRODUCTION: The Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) is soliciting development funding applications for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) Program. The primary purpose of the AHTF Program is to assist in financing the production and preservation/stabilization of affordable and mixed-income rental housing projects in Minneapolis. Program funds are available on a competitive basis to projects that need gap financing to cover the difference between total development costs and the amount that can be secured from other sources. The funding sources for the AHTF Program are primarily federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, federal HOME Investment Partnership funds, and local funds. Please refer to the Program Policies and Procedures and supporting documents for further information.

II. SUMMARY NOFA CHANGES: There have been changes to the content of the following sections of this Notice of Funding Availability document:

Changes to 2023 AHTF Notice of Funding Availability:

1. III – Language added to acknowledge HOME-ARP NOFA
2. IX B 32 j – Language added to acknowledge HOME-ARP funding

Changes to 2023 AHTF NOFA Scoring Criteria:

1. III G – Changing scoring qualifier from 60% AMI to 50% AMI
2. III I – Changing the number of units required for scoring points
3. III J – Changing the number of units with rental assistance required for scoring points
4. III K – Increasing the points available and adding language to acknowledge HOME-ARP funding
5. III L – Updating the wards that remain available for these points
6. III S – Updating language consistent with MHFA and QAP

III. AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE FUNDING: The specific amount of available funds for the 2023 AHTF round has not yet been determined because the City’s 2023 allocation of CDBG and HOME funding is not yet final at the time of this NOFA. CPED estimates that up to \$__ million will be available, subject to the availability of funds. Not all available funding may be awarded during this funding round.

In 2023, the City anticipates issuing a NOFA for HOME-ARP funding. This funding may potentially be layered with AHTF in projects for Qualifying Populations as defined by HOME-ARP.

IV. FUNDING APPLICATION PREPARATION: Developers are advised to consider the following while assembling the funding application:

- A.** City Policy Consistency: Consider how the proposed housing is consistent with adopted City policies.
- B.** Additional factors to consider include timeliness, significance of funding gaps, comprehensive plan guidance, anti-displacement policies, and geographic location and distribution.

- C. **Capital Funding Gap:** Determine the amount needed for gap assistance in compliance with the maximum award description.
 - D. **Historic Resource Letter:** Promptly request a historic resource review letter from CPED for projects that include demolition, renovation or building relocation.
 - E. **Neighborhood Review:** Submit the development proposal to the recognized neighborhood group for review of the proposal based on design and land use issues prior to the proposal submittal. Provide a letter from the neighborhood organization evidencing their review.
 - F. **Permanent Mortgage:** Determine if the project can support a permanent mortgage and, if it can, include an estimated amount, terms, and identity of a probable lender. If a written funding commitment is not available at the time of application, including a letter of interest or a letter of support from the lender is recommended.
 - G. **Rental and Operating Subsidies:** Include written documentation stating the amount, terms, and conditions from the designated contributor.
 - H. **Rebates and Tax Exemptions:** Include anticipated utility rebates or sales tax exemptions as a funding source. A letter from the developer committing these funds as a capital contribution to the project must be submitted with the application.
- V. **CPED RIGHT TO REJECT AND MODIFY APPLICATIONS:** CPED reserves the right to reject any or all applications or parts of applications and to negotiate modifications of applications submitted.
- VI. **PRE-APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Free, limited, preliminary and non-binding pre-application technical assistance is available upon request to CPED staff through June 30, 2023. Developers with no or limited previous experience with the AHTF Program are strongly encouraged to utilize this resource. Prior to requesting a meeting with CPED staff, submit a cover letter, the Multifamily Workbook, a completed AHTF self-scoring worksheet, and any of the application items that are further described herein that may be helpful to have a substantive discussion about your project.
- VII. **FEES: APPLICATION, ORIGATION, AND HOME MONITORING:**
- a. **Application Fee:** A non-refundable \$1,000 application fee will be charged for each AHTF application.
 - b. **Origination Fee:** If a project is awarded funding, an origination fee of 1% the AHTF award will be collected at closing except for AHTF awards using federal HOME funds.
 - c. **HOME Monitoring Fee:** The HOME Final Rule published in the Federal Register on July 24, 2013 permits the City to charge a fee for HOME monitoring during the entire HOME Period of Affordability. The City's current annual HOME monitoring fee for projects that are completed is included in the supporting documents and must be included in the proforma for projects utilizing HOME funding. The HOME monitoring fee will be invoiced directly to the project by the City's Monitoring Agent.
- VIII. **SELF-SCORING WORKSHEET:** The supporting documents and SharePoint folder include a self-scoring worksheet that is required to be submitted to further describe the points that the developer believes may be earned based upon the documentation included throughout the funding proposal.

Scoring helps identify the level to which a project meets the objectives and goals adopted by the City. The City does not make awards based on scores alone. Additional factors are taken into consideration including, but not limited to, timeliness, significance of funding gaps, comprehensive plan guidance, anti-displacement policies, geographic location and distribution, and emerging developer status. The City also considers whether a project has received a prior AHTF Award.

IX. REQUIRED FUNDING APPLICATION CONTENT: Include the following documents in the order in which they are listed in the format described below:

A. Cover letter with the following:

1. AHTF amount requested not to exceed maximum allowed per the AHTF Program Policies and Procedures.
2. Summary of the overall project financing structure, such as a “4% LIHTC with a HUD loan guarantee and public gap funding”
3. List other City funding sources that are being sought in the current funding round.
4. A brief summary of the project’s public benefits and the project’s strategic importance to the City (such as family housing, foreclosure mitigation, tornado recovery, blight removal, etc.)

B. All of the applicable forms, narratives, spreadsheets, checklists and related attachments in the Minnesota Housing Minnesota Multifamily Rental Housing Common Application Form are available here:

<http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1514186782705&pagename=External%2FPage%2FEXTStandardLayout> . The first 11 document titles below are from the Common Application Checklist. The remaining 12-35 documents are additional requirements for the AHTF (see supporting documents for the checklist).

1. Multifamily Workbook and Income Averaging Grid if applicable (in Excel format) with Utility Allowance applicable to project
2. Multifamily Rental Housing Narrative Questions
3. Applicant Certification of Known Environmental Issues – Provide a letter or other information that describes how the known environmental issues will be addressed
4. Multifamily Intended Methods Worksheet
5. Notification to Local Official
6. New Construction Comparable Property form, please use this form for adaptive reuse as well
7. Energy Rebate Analysis
8. Submit a 20 Year Capital Needs Assessment OR a Physical Needs Assessment for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.
9. For Supportive Housing and/or People with Disabilities submit the County or Tribal Human Services Letter of Confirmation and Continuum of Care Confirmation information, if applicable
10. For Supportive Housing and/or People with Disabilities submit the Narrative Questions, if applicable
11. For Supportive Housing and/or People with Disabilities, submit Qualification of Service Provider information, if applicable
12. For Rehabilitation, existing properties, proposed Management and Operating Expenses should be based on the developer/management company’s current portfolio (supported by audited financial operating expense statements for at least 3 stabilized years)
13. For Rehabilitation, submit a Rent Roll for existing developments- most recent available
14. Provide a complete description of the proposed project. If the project will proceed in phases, then provide information for each phase as well as the total project. Minimally provide the following information:
 - Do you have control of the project site? Explain in detail.
 - Details of all known or suspected environmental issues with the site and describe any testing that’s been completed or is underway
 - Details of the project if it is rehabilitation, renovation, or adaptive re-use
 - Description of structures which will need to be demolished
 - **Description of current owners/tenants (submit Tenant Relocation Plan per the**

Program Policies and Procedures, if applicable)

- Details of any historic preservation designations and/or related issues
 - **IF**, claiming points for T. Workforce Training, provide a detailed plan for the support services that will connect residents to workforce and career training programs (e.g., job coaching, financial literacy, modular housing manufacturing, apprenticeship programs in construction, etc.)
 - **IF** claiming points for U. Areas of Civil Unrest, please describe in detail how the project promotes economic recovery redevelopment and contributes to community reinvestment
15. Preliminary Architectural/Construction Requirements for New Construction or Rehabilitation with a Construction Cost Estimate (preliminary sketch plans are permitted, 11" by 17" format or half-size are permitted)
 16. Nonprofit Proof of Status, Non-Profit Intended Participation: Articles of Incorporation, IRS Election Status (Internal Revenue Service (IRS) documentation of status
 17. Evidence of site control per the Program Policies and Procedures
 18. Site Location Map, Photographs and Census Tract Number
 19. Letter of Commitment to provide Project Based Rental Assistance or Letter of Request from/to MPHA
 20. Letter of Commitment to provide Housing Supports Assistance from Hennepin County
 21. Development Team, Developer Capacity, and Financial Statements:
 - a. Current audited and/or unaudited organizational financial statements
 - b. Current financial statements for each partner of partnership or corporation
 - c. Development Team Qualifications and Housing Experience including for Supportive Service Housing
 - d. If applicable, describe whether your development team includes women or BIPOC members that have at least a 51% ownership stake in your or your partnering organization's business and/or compose at least 51% of board member positions
 - e. Letters noting these materials will be submitted upon request will not be considered.
 22. Market Assessment
 23. Written Policy for Smoke-Free Buildings if proposed
 24. Letter of support indicating consistency with the Heading Home Plan from the Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness including the commitment to utilize the Hennepin County Coordinated Entry system or other approved Coordinated Entry system as a referral source for the homeless units. (not applicable if no homeless units). This is required if claiming points for K. Housing for Homeless along with satisfactory evidence in writing of a commitment from an appropriate social service agency to provide support services.
 25. Documentation Relevant to Preservation of Federally Assisted Housing
 26. Self-Scoring Worksheet along with additional materials that support scoring categories including categories that don't have a separate SharePoint folder including the Equitable Development Narrative Form.
 27. Signed Recitals, Acknowledgement, and Consent Form
 28. Funding Commitment Letters for any committed capital and operating funding
 29. City Historic Resource Review Letter from CPED (if proposal includes demolition or renovation only)
 30. Email conveying compliance with City policy from Development Services planner. Zoning and Flood Plain Letter from the Zoning Administration Office indicating the proposed use is consistent with zoning requirements <https://www2.minneapolis.gov/media/content-assets/www2-documents/business/Zoning-Letter-Request-Form.pdf>
 31. Neighborhood Support Letter(s), if applicable

32. Property Management Plan which includes a description of the following at a minimum per the Program Policies and Procedures:
 - a. Affirmative marketing procedures (such as those described in Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan)
 - b. Compliance with Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
 - c. Maintenance and repair
 - d. Personnel policy and staffing arrangements (such as required staff and tenant handbooks, personnel policy for training and discipline)
 - e. Program for maintaining accounting records
 - f. Rent collection policies and procedures
 - g. Roles and responsibilities of managing agent
 - h. Security
 - i. Affordable housing opportunities are required to be advertised on HousingLink concurrent with any other public or private advertising
 - j. The role of Coordinated Entry process, for homeless units, if applicable. (Note that if a unit receives HOME-ARP funding from the City through the City's separate HOME-ARP NOFA, Coordinated Entry cannot be the sole referral source and must be supplemented to provide access to all HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
 - k. Utilizing the MPHA wait list, if applicable
33. Tenant Selection Plan including a Supportive Service Housing Plan if applicable as well as any supporting MOU and/or Service Contracts, and Preference Policy Process and Tenant Selection Plan Checklist
34. Application Fee: A \$1,000 non-refundable funding application fee payable to Minneapolis Finance Department; mailed to CPED, 505 4th Ave. S., Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415; attn: Carrie Goldberg. This fee may also be delivered in person to this address and placed in the black secure dropbox at the reception desk.

X. FUNDING APPLICATION SUBMITTAL LOCATION AND DEADLINE:

- A.** Funding applications are being accepted between the public release date of the front page of this document and **4:00 p.m., CDT, on July --, 2023 at which time SharePoint permissions will be removed.** Developers are encouraged to submit funding applications before the deadline. The City has the right to reject any and all applications at its sole discretion.
 - B.** **Applications will be submitted via SharePoint. Please contact Carrie Goldberg at carrie.goldberg@minneapolismn.gov for access and include the name of the project, the address of the project, as well as the email addresses for all team members who will need access to the application folder.** For any item listed above that is not applicable, please acknowledge not applicable in the folder. CPED may request hard copies of any required application item as needed.
 - C.** A \$1,000 non-refundable funding application fee payable to Minneapolis Finance Department; mailed to CPED, 505 4th Ave. S., Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415; attn: Carrie Goldberg
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
SCORING CRITERIA

The City does not make awards based on scores alone. Scoring helps to identify the level to which a project meets the objectives and goals adopted by the City. Additional factors taken into consideration include but are not limited to: timeliness, significance of funding gaps, comprehensive plan guidance, anti-displacement policies, geographic location and distribution, and emerging developer status. The City also considers whether a project has received a prior AHTF Award.

I. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR ALL PROJECTS:

Projects must comply with CPED’s 10 underwriting criteria as included in the supporting documents for an application to be considered eligible for an AHTF award. Applications that cannot be underwritten consistent with CPED’s underwriting criteria requirements may be disqualified from further consideration.

II. MINIMUM POINT THRESHOLD:

A minimum of 85 points overall in the scoring criteria consistent with the City’s goals and policies for affordable housing must also be met to be considered for an AHTF award.

III. SCORING BASED ON AHTF GOALS AND POLICIES (85 point threshold):

A. Secured Funding: Up to 10 Points

Secured permanent capital funding commitments must be project specific and include written documentation stating the amount, terms, and conditions from the designated contributor. Words synonymous with “consider” or “may” (as in “may award”) are not acceptable funding commitments.

First mortgage financing may not be included as a committed source. Syndication proceeds may only be included if the associated tax credits were awarded in a prior funding round.

Applicants may include anticipated, utility rebates or sales tax exemptions as a funding source. A letter from the developer committing these funds as a capital contribution to the project must be submitted with the application.

Letters of support and intent are not counted as committed for these points and secured CPED funding is not counted for these points. Up to 10 points for the percentage amount of other funding sources that have been secured as follows:

<u>Percentage of Project Financing Secured</u>	<u>Points</u>
3% to 5%	4
5.1% to 10%	6
10.1% to 15%	8
15.1% or more	10

B. Capacity of Property Manager and Quality of Property Management Plan: Up to 5 Points

Provide sufficient relevant experience and demonstrated reliable financial and organizational capacity to adequately execute property management responsibilities. Property managers should have a track record with the type of housing being proposed and should be guided by a sufficiently detailed property management plan that contains property and tenant management policies and

procedures including security measures to maintain a safe living environment.

C. Capacity of Owner and Developer’s Comparable Project Experience: Up to 5 Points

Provide sufficient relevant experience and demonstrated reliable financial and organizational capacity to adequately execute asset management responsibilities. This includes City review of audited and unaudited financial statements.

D. City Owned Land or City Issued Request for Proposal Priority: 15 Points

Projects that are being proposed on City owned land or have entered into an agreement with the City for redevelopment in response to a Request for Proposal will receive 15 points due to the project being an approved City priority.

E. Economic Integration: Up to 5 Points

Project meets mixed-income goals on the basis of percentage of affordable units to the total number of units in the project. Total units in the project may include adjacent home ownership project components or related phases.

<u>Percentage of Very Low-Income (50% AMI) or less/Unit</u>	<u>ACP 50</u>	<u>Non-ACP 50</u>
20% - 39.9%	5	1
40% - 59.9%	5	2
60% - 79.9%	5	3
80% - 100%	3	5

F. Ratio of Soft Costs to Total Project Costs: Up to 6 Points

Points are given on the % of total project costs that are considered soft costs or costs of intermediaries. For the purposes of this provision, “Costs of Intermediaries” shall be consistent with Minnesota Housing and shall exclude the following intermediary costs to be consistent with the low income housing tax credit calculation: Park Dedication Fees, Surveys, Soil Borings, Payment and Performance Bond Premium, Sewer-Water Access Charge, Furnishing and Equipment, and Hazard and Liability Insurance.

<u>% of Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Points</u>
30.1% and over	0
25.1% - 30%	1
20.1% - 25%	2
15.1% - 20%	3
0% - 15%	6

G. Large Family Housing: Up to 20 Points

The project provides family housing including affordable rental units at ~~60%~~ 50% AMI or below with three or more bedrooms. Points are awarded as follows:

<u>Percentage of Units 3+ BR</u>	<u>Points</u>
5% to 10%	5
10.1% to 15%	10
15.1% to 20%	15
20.1% or more	20

H. Provision of Resident Support Services: Up to 10 Points (claimed from 1 category)

Preference is given to projects that provide resident support services or establish a strong, integrated referral system. All projects awarded points for providing support services will be

required to include a Supportive Service Housing Plan as part of the Tenant Selection Plan. Housing with support services is a proven intervention for assisting households with histories of homelessness and barriers to accessing and maintaining housing. Supportive Housing improves housing stability, employment, health and many other quality of life factors. Research demonstrates that individuals in Supportive Housing require less emergency medical treatment, inpatient psychiatric care, detox services and are less likely to become jailed. Supportive Housing is often the most appropriate intervention for people experiencing homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and other disabilities.

<u>System in place on site to provide support services:</u>	<u>Points</u>
Provide to >50% of households	10 points
Provide to >25% of households	8 points
Provide to >10% of households	6 points
Provide to 0	0 points

OR

<u>Strong, integrated support referral system:</u>	<u>Points</u>
Provide to >50% of households	5 points
Provide to >25% of households	3 points
Provide to >10% of households	1 point
Provide to 0	0 points

I. Projects Utilizing Average Income Test (30% Units): Up to 15 Points

For projects utilizing average income election, units dedicated to 30% AMI will award points based on the following:

<u># of 30% Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
1-15 30% units	5 points
16-30 30% units	10 points
31 or more 30% units	15 points

OR: Points may be claimed in I. or J. but NOT Both

J. Project-Based Rental Program Assistance: Up to 15 Points

The developer has applied for 1) Project-based Section 8 units and has obtained a letter of approval/support from Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (see Attachment 16), or 2) has obtained a letter of approval/support for other ongoing project assistance such as the HUD Supportive Housing Program, State or County Housing Support, etc.

<u># of Project Based Vouchers Secured</u>	<u>Points</u>
1-15 Vouchers	5 points
16-30 Vouchers	10 points
31 or more Vouchers	15 points

K. Housing for Homeless: Up to 20 Points

Project provides suitable housing combined with supportive services for occupancy by homeless households. Homeless households shall be defined as a person or persons living in a shelter, on the streets, or doubled-up in housing not their own. The developer must provide satisfactory evidence in writing of a commitment from an appropriate social service agency to provide support services; household income must be 30% or less of AMI. Applicants claiming points for providing

homeless units will be required to use Hennepin County Coordinated Entry system or another Coordinated Entry system that is approved by the City as meeting fair housing requirements as a referral source for the homeless units.

Projects serving unaccompanied youth are eligible if they are serving youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Projects serving unaccompanied youth at risk of homelessness are exempt from the Coordinated Entry requirement.

For HOME-ARP units: The City allows projects to prioritize households experiencing homelessness when it comes to funding for housing projects through the HOME-ARP program. However, projects that get this funding and prioritize homeless populations must also be willing to accept referrals for all other eligible groups of people. Referrals can come from Hennepin County's CE system or another CE system that coordinates access to housing, but additional sources are needed to make sure all eligible groups have a fair chance to apply.

<u>% of Homeless Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
40% plus of total units	20 points
20-39% of total units	10 points

L. Senior Housing: Up to 10 Points

Senior independent rental congregate and/or assisted living meeting development goals and objectives for senior housing (serving seniors ages 55 years and older) for new construction and/or positive conversion. These points only apply to wards that have not met the Minneapolis senior housing goal of a minimum of 35 new affordable senior housing units in each ward by 2025. The eligible wards are: 1, 4, 11, 12, and 13.

Wards 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have already met this goal and are not eligible for points: ward 2 Minnehaha Commons, 41 units; ward 3 Mill City Quarter, 150 units; ward 5 Plymouth Avenue Apartments, 63 units; ward 6 Snelling Apartments, 60 units; ward 7 The Theodore Wirth on the Woods, 100 units; ward 8 Sabathani Senior Housing, 48 units; ward 9 Hi Lake Triangle Apartments, 64 units.

<u>Age Restriction</u>	<u>Points</u>
Age-restricted to seniors only	10 points
Senior oriented without age restriction	5 points
No specific senior orientation	0 points

M. Neighborhood Support: 1 Point

Proposed project is supported by the recognized neighborhood organization based on review of design and land use issues and documentation is included in the application.

N. Community Housing Development Organization: 5 Points

Project is owned, developed or sponsored by a Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDO) as defined by HUD. Attachment 13 CHDO Checklist

O. Preservation, Rehabilitation, Stabilization: 10 points

Project provides preservation, rehabilitation, and/or stabilization.

P. New Construction or Positive Conversion: 10 Points

Project provides new construction and/or positive conversion outside areas of concentrated poverty 50% or greater people of color (ACP50).

Q. Sustainable Building Policy Energy Efficiency Points: up to 10 points

Projects claiming fifteen or more optional criteria points specifically in the Green Communities Energy Efficiency category (Section 5) will earn the following AHTF points:

<u>Operating Energy Category Optional Points</u>	<u>Points</u>
15-20 optional Green Communities points	5 points
21 or more optional Green Communities points	10 points

NOTE: Pursuant to the City’s Sustainable Building Policy, criteria 5.3a: Photovoltaic/Solar Hot Water Ready is mandatory for all projects with a flat roof design seeking AHTF resources.

R. Alignment with Minneapolis 2040 Goals: up to 50 points

Efficient Site Utilization (8 points): Projects will receive 8 points for Efficient Site Utilization if the application materials demonstrate that the proposed building achieves the maximum height allowed by the Minneapolis 2040 [Built Form Map](#) in the Interior 1 through Corridor 6 districts. In the Transit 10 through Core 50 districts, projects will receive the points if the proposed building is at least 6 stories. In addition, projects will receive 8 points for Efficient Site Utilization if the application materials demonstrate that the project will preserve affordable housing through rehabilitation or adaptive reuse.

No points will be granted if a Comprehensive Plan amendment is needed and is not in process.

Transit Access (10 points): Projects will receive 10 points for Transit Access if the application materials demonstrate that the site is within one-half mile (*2640 feet*) of any of the following:

- An existing or planned METRO Blue Line or Green Line LRT station
- An existing or planned Highway or Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Station
- A bus stop on an existing high-frequency route, defined by Metro Transit as service every 15 minutes or better on weekdays 6 am – 7 pm and on Saturdays 9 am – 6 pm

Parking (10 points): Projects will receive 10 points for Parking if the application materials demonstrate that all provided parking is located below grade or entirely within the building. Renovation and expansion projects will receive 10 Parking points if no new surface parking spaces are provided.

Parks and Open Space (10 points): Projects will receive 10 points for Parks and Open Space if the application materials demonstrate that the site is:

- Within one-quarter mile (*1320 feet*) of a regional park or trail [as defined by the Metropolitan Council](#), or
- Within one block (*660 feet*) of any Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board park, Gold Medal Park, or The Commons

Cultural Districts (5 points): Projects will receive 5 points for Cultural Districts if the application materials demonstrate that the site is within one-quarter mile (*1320 feet*) of a [Cultural District boundary](#) defined by the City of Minneapolis.

Plazas (5 points): Projects will receive 5 points for Plazas if the application materials - detailed plans - demonstrate that the project includes a publicly accessible plaza of at least 2,000 square feet that complies with the [plaza development standards](#) listed in Chapter 535 of the Minneapolis

Zoning Code and winter utilization standards listed in [Policy 7 \(h\)](#) and [Policy 9 \(d\)](#) in the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Through-Block Connections (2 points): Projects will receive 2 points for Through-Block Connections if the application materials demonstrate that the project will provide an interior through-block connection designed according to the standards enumerated in the [Downtown Floor Area Ratio Premium standards](#) of the Minneapolis Zoning Code (regardless of the project's location in the city).

S. Equitable Development: 5 points

To receive Equitable Development points, there must be evidence that the project attempts to address the needs of a Community Most Impacted (CMI) by housing disparities and that a Qualified Stakeholder Group, with meaningful participation from that community, has a significant role in the project proposal as defined below. Occupancy restrictions or services provided as a result of the selection criteria are excluded. Applicants must complete the Minnesota Housing Equitable Development Narrative and submit documentation demonstrating how the initiative meets the requirements outlined below. Submission must include all referenced data, reports and information.

To be eligible for Equitable Development, submit documentation that meets *all (a-d)* of the following conditions:

1. Threshold Criteria

a) Housing Disparity Addressed by the project.

- i. Identify which CMI's is/are this project proposal focused on serving. If the project is focused on serving multiple populations, select the CMI's participating in the Qualified Stakeholder Group that has a significant role in the proposal.
 1. Lowest Income (e.g. <= 30% of area median income (AMI))
 2. People of Color
 3. Indigenous People
 4. LGBTQ + People
 5. People Experiencing Homelessness
 6. People with Disabilities
 7. Immigrants
 8. Large Families
 9. Seniors
 10. Families with children
 11. Youth

b) Meaningful participation of Communities Most Impacted: A Qualified Stakeholder Group must have meaningful participation of the CMI that is the focus of the project proposal as documented in the narrative.

- i. Describe the Qualified Stakeholder Group's mission, and purpose in elevating the voices of the identified CMI.
- ii. Identify and describe what leadership and/or advisory roles people belonging to the identified CMI have in the Qualified Stakeholder Group, including one or more of the following:
 - a. A paid leadership position; list position (if applicable)
 - b. A member of the board (if applicable)
 - c. A paid staff position (if applicable)
 - d. A member role, such as serving on an advisory committee

- e. Other meaningful role, such as volunteer (describe)
 - iii. Provide a list of the Qualified Stakeholder Group's previous activities related to the identified CMI and community development. If there have been no previous activities, describe who formed the Qualified Stakeholder Group and why.
- c) Meaningful Engagement with the identified CMI through the Qualified Stakeholder Group: The development team must evidence that the Qualified Stakeholder Group and specifically the CMI participants have been meaningfully engaged in the project concept by conducting, at minimum, two meetings with the group prior to submission of the current application. Documentation must be provided to evidence engagement and may include meeting minutes, notes, survey results, etc. NOTE: Any in-process engagement with the Qualified Stakeholder Group must include a detailed timeline for work done to-date, next steps, and future completion.
- d) Significant involvement of the Qualified Stakeholder Group: The developer partnered with the Qualified Stakeholder Group and the identified CMI to develop the project proposal. Identify and submit a narrative explaining how the Qualified Stakeholder Group was involved in the development, the specific input they provided, and how the project addresses or responds to that input. These must be in addition to any mandatory minimum requirements of the **AHTF NOFA**. Applicants may select one or more of the following:
 - i. Design
 - ii. Services
 - iii. Community Benefits: An agreement between the developer and local community to provide a benefit as identified by the identified CMI. (Examples include projects that support paying a competitive wage such as using union workers, employing individuals from the neighborhood, or signing onto a Worker-Driven Social Responsibility compliance and monitoring system, community services, training, shared green space, etc.)
 - iv. Other (describe in the narrative)
- e) Provide a signed letter from the Qualified Stakeholder Group. The letter must be signed by group participants who are willing to sign the document. The letter must address the following questions:
 - i. How has the developer engaged with the Qualified Stakeholder Group and the identified CMI to create a project responsive to the vision of the group and needs of the CMI?
 - ii. How will this project help in fulfilling a need in your community?
 - iii. How often did the Qualified Stakeholder Group meet with the developer and what were those meetings like?
 - iv. How has the project changed in response to the input from the Qualified Stakeholder Group?
 - v. If the development is selected, what are your expectations for the Qualified Stakeholder Group's continued involvement in the project?

T. Workforce Training: 3 points

Projects that promote economic stability by incorporating supportive services that connect residents to workforce and career training programs (e.g., job coaching, financial literacy, modular housing manufacturing, apprenticeship programs in construction, etc.). Information per #14 in the application requirements must be submitted to claim these points.

U. Areas of Civil Unrest: 5 points

Projects in areas of civil unrest located within the two blocks on either side of the Lake Street and West Broadway corridors that promote economic recovery redevelopment and contribute to community reinvestment. However, projects throughout the City that sustained damage from civil

unrest that warrant significant reinvestment may also be considered for points with supporting documentation. Information per #14 in the application requirements must be submitted to claim these points.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Attachment 1: Income and Rents](#)
- [Attachment 2: Utility Allowances](#)
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