

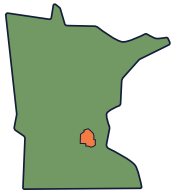


INTRODUCTION

Advocacy is a key lever Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) uses to help move people out of poverty. The agency pursues its advocacy goals through an educational lens. This includes sharing information about the needs and experiences of community members to expand policymakers' awareness of the impact and/or urgency of legislation.

The agency has the following priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session. These priorities are consistent with the 2025 Legislative Agenda from our statewide association, MinnCAP. By promoting greater opportunity and support for traditionally marginalized communities in Hennepin County, these priorities are in alignment with CAP-HC's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

MINNCAP*-LED INITIATIVES



Minnesota Community Action Grant (MCAG) Expansion & Stabilization

- MCAG base funding is \$9.9M/biennium.
- In 2023 MCAG received a one-time increase of \$5.4 M/biennium for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Proposal: Seek to maintain \$5.4M biennial MCAG funding and secure in base budget, resulting in an ongoing \$15.3 biennial appropriation.

Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) Grant Expansion & Stabilization

- FAIM base funding is \$650K/biennium.
- In 2023 FAIM received a one-time increase of \$3 million/biennium for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Proposal: Seek to maintain ongoing \$3M biennial funding for FAIM in the base budget.

Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) Expansion & Stabilization

- MinnCAP actively participates in the ERASE Campaign (End Rental Arrears and Stop Evictions) with the goal to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness statewide.
- FHPAP provides supportive services and financial assistance, such as rent deposits, rent or utility payments, for households that are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- Current base funding is \$20M/biennium.

Proposal: Seek \$200M/biennium and secure in base budget for FHPAP.





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2025 Legislative Priorities

COALITION SUPPORT



CAP-HC's advocacy efforts include direct collaboration with coalitions, as well as support of MinnCAP partner coalitions, as opportunities arise. Examples include:

- ◆ Career & College Bound Hennepin
- ◆ Energy Assistance Expansion Coalition
- ◆ Fines and Fees Justice Center
- ◆ Great Start Working Group
- ◆ HOMELINE
- ◆ The Homeownership Coalition
- ◆ MN Coalition for the Homeless
- ◆ MN Public Transit Association
- ◆ Volunteer Driver Coalition

ABOUT CAP-HC

CAP-HC is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps Hennepin County residents with lower incomes stabilize and lift themselves out of poverty. We are a proud member of a national network of over 1,000 Community Action Agencies committed to poverty reduction in the United States. The network was established in 1964 with the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act.



*Minnesota Community Action Partnership (MinnCAP) is the state Association for 23 Community Action Agencies and 11 Tribal Nations in Minnesota.