

## Partnering for Economic Stability

### ABOUT CAP-HC

Since 1986, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) has advanced economic opportunity for individuals and families with low incomes. Our mission is to *partner with our community to provide effective and responsive services to reduce the impact of poverty in Hennepin County*. As one of more than 1,000 Community Action organizations across the country, CAP-HC is rooted in a national movement to create opportunities for everyone to thrive. Originally focused on suburban Hennepin County, we expanded services to include Minneapolis in 2016 and today serve nearly 50,000 children and adults each year.

### THE GROWING HOUSING CRISIS

Despite Hennepin County's apparent prosperity, economic hardship persists, especially for historically marginalized groups. Nearly one in ten people live below the federal poverty line, and more than 145,000 households are housing burdened. Rising costs force families to make impossible choices between paying rent, buying food, or getting medical care.

Housing instability continues to affect thousands of households across Hennepin County, with many families facing the threat of eviction due to rising rents, stagnant wages, and unexpected financial setbacks. These conditions underscore the urgent need for practical, accessible supports that help people stay in their homes and maintain economic security.

### OUR HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

CAP-HC's Housing Stability Services offer a proven, holistic response to the housing crisis. We combine direct financial assistance with practical education and personalized counseling to help renters avoid eviction, stabilize their housing, and build long-term security. Our core services include:

- **Rental Assistance:** One-time grants help families and individuals avoid eviction by covering past-due rent.
- **Renter Counseling:** One-on-one sessions with counselors to help clients budget, navigate the rental process, and build financial skills.
- **Renter Workshops:** Group education sessions covering tenant rights and responsibilities, fair housing laws, and financial planning for housing.

In recent years, demand for these services has grown significantly. We expanded our Emergency Rental Assistance program from serving 67 households in 2021 to 448 in 2024. At the same time, we have built partnerships with local government, legal aid, and employment agencies to ensure our clients receive the wraparound support they need.

### STRENGTHENING OUR CAPACITY

Looking ahead, CAP-HC is committed to expanding access to housing assistance, enhancing program delivery, and building internal infrastructure to better serve those in crisis. By investing in the systems and staffing that support housing stability, we help families remain in their homes and build toward a stronger, more secure future.

### BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Everyone deserves a place to call home. Invest in stable homes, strong communities, and a better future for people in Hennepin County.