



Partnering for Economic Stability

ABOUT CAP-HC

In 2026, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) commemorates 40 years of service. Since 1986, CAP-HC has worked alongside people with low incomes to help them build stability and move toward economic opportunity. 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.

As one of nearly 1,000 Community Action organizations in the U.S., CAP-HC is rooted in a national movement to create opportunities for everyone to thrive. Our mission is to *partner with our community to provide effective and responsive services to reduce the impact of poverty in Hennepin County.*

THE NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT

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 bills, buying food, or getting medical care.

At the same time, federal funding—nearly 70% of CAP-HC's annual revenue—is increasingly unstable. To ensure continuity and flexibility in our work, we are seeking a more balanced mix of public-to-private funding. This shift would not only strengthen program resilience but also enhance organizational infrastructure and fuel innovation.

WHAT WE DO

CAP-HC helps people with low incomes meet immediate needs and build toward prosperity. Our programs include financial coaching, employment readiness, asset building, homebuyer education, MNsure health insurance application assistance, transportation support, and rental and utility assistance for those at risk of eviction or utility disconnection. In 2024 alone, we provided energy and water assistance to over 18,600 families, housing services to 450 families, and job and financial coaching to hundreds more people. Our services meet people where they are—whether on the edge of financial crisis or ready to take the next step toward long-term stability.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, CAP-HC is committed to expanding our capacity and enhancing the overall client experience. As demand for services continues to rise, we are focused on technological improvements, staff development, streamlined intake processes, and deeper cross-sector collaboration. These efforts allow us to scale programs, improve service delivery, and offer more holistic, accessible support. Our goal is to ensure everyone in Hennepin County has the resources and opportunities to maintain stable housing, secure meaningful employment, and build long-term financial security.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

As we mark our 40th Anniversary, we invite you to invest in lasting change across Hennepin County! With our growing network of supporters, we can reduce poverty and expand opportunity.