



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, as opposed to lobbying for or against specific legislative bills. This includes sharing information about the needs and experiences of community members to expand policymakers' awareness of the impact and/or urgency of legislation.

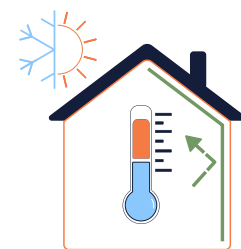
The agency has the following priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session. These priorities are consistent with the 2023 Legislative Agenda from our statewide association, MinnCAP. By promoting greater opportunity and support for traditionally marginalized communities in Hennepin County, these priorities are in alignment with CAP-HC's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

MINNCAP*-LED CAMPAIGNS

Increase funding to the Minnesota Community Action Grant, with a goal of doubling state funding for Community Action Agencies and Tribal Nations. MCAG allows Community Action Agencies and Tribes to meet and respond to the specific needs in their communities. This flexible funding is needed for the immediate and long-term economic recovery of residents in Hennepin County.

Expand the Family Assets for Independence in MN (FAIM) Program to provide more Minnesotans with asset building opportunities. FAIM helps Minnesotans save to: buy a home, start a business, pursue more education, or purchase a car. Participants' savings are matched 3-to-1 by the state. Program expansion will help more Minnesotans move out of poverty.

Create a state funded supplement to the federal Weatherization program focused on pre-weatherization and workforce. This supplement will allow more households with low incomes to receive weatherization, resulting in energy cost-savings and higher efficiency.





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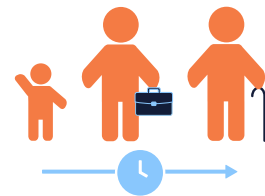
2023 Legislative Priorities

MINNCAP-SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED CAMPAIGNS

Work in collaboration with partners to **advocate for a Minnesota Child Tax Credit** like the expanded federal CTC through the American Rescue Plan.



In partnership with organizations across the state, **increase funding that helps older adults** safely age in place and provides supportive services for older adults like senior meals.



COALITION AGENDAS

CAP-HC also supports the advocacy efforts of additional coalitions of which it is a member by offering input and educational support for their legislative agendas.

- ♦ Minnesota Asset Building Coalition
- ♦ Homes for All



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. The network was established in 1964 with the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act.



ABOUT MINNCAP

*Minnesota Community Action Partnership (MinnCAP) is the state Association for 24 Community Action Agencies and 11 Tribal Nations