
Olmstead Plan Housing Goal
The Olmstead Plan housing goal states, “People with disabilities will choose where they live, with whom, and in what type of housing.” In 2014 we completed phase 1 of our work to achieve this goal. We engaged the community to identify improvements to our website.

In 2015 we are implementing these changes! Our website will have more information about individual rental units. It will also have more education about affordable rental housing options that meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

Fair Housing Videos in 4 languages
The Fair Housing Implementation Council contracted with HousingLink to create Fair Housing awareness videos in 4 languages: English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. Check them out at housinglink.org/housingresources/fairhousing

Twin Cities Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
The Fair Housing Implementation Council also contracted with HousingLink to conduct a regional analysis of impediments to Fair Housing. See it at housinglink.org/Research/ResearchLinks

Project Based Section 8
Renters spend hours contacting Project Based Section 8 properties to get on multiple waiting lists. These lists often have a 12-24 month wait. We started to define an online resource to centralize these waiting lists. It will make the process easier and more efficient for low-income renters and affordable housing providers.

Electronic Data Feeds
Now management companies can post openings to HousingLink directly from their property management software. This ensures more accurate and timely listings for renters searching HousingLink.

Impact through Information
52,700 Visits for subsidized housing information.
92,700 Views of Housing Authority Waiting List status.
68% of Hennepin County caseworkers who provide direct service to clients say HousingLink’s services are critical to their work.
4,400 Visits for Fair Housing Information.
4,677 listings that would consider a Section 8 voucher in 2014.
1,408,000 Housing openings sent through hAlert in 2014.

Housing Data Experts
- Streams – An inventory of housing with public funding in the Twin Cities
- Twin Cities Rental Revue - A quarterly report that tracks market rate rents
- Rent Reasonable Data for Housing Authorities
- Housing Research for Community Agencies
- MN Housing Measures (in partnership with the McKnight Foundation)
- Housing Counts (in partnership with Family Housing Fund)
Impact through Partnerships

HousingLink strategically partners with others to promote housing choice, stability and equity in Minnesota.

2014 Supporters
Bloomington HRA
Eide Bailly (In-Kind)
Fair Housing Implementation Council
Family Housing Fund
Google, Inc. (In-Kind)
Hennepin County
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota
Live Smoke Free Minnesota
Many Individual Donors
McKnight Foundation
Metropolitan Council
Minnesota Homeownership Center
Minnesota Housing
Minnesota Multi Housing Association
MN Department of Human Services: Money Follows the Person
Redmon Law Chartered (In-Kind)
Scott County CDA
St. Paul Public Housing Agency
Target
Washington County HRA

Here are some partner projects we worked on:
MATSH (MN Access to Supportive Housing) - matsh.org
Fair Housing MN - fairhousingmn.org
Hennepin County Lead Safe - housinglink.org/List/LeadSafe
Live Smoke Free MN - mnsmokefreehousing.org

2014 Board of Directors
CHAIR
Beth Reetz – Director of Housing and Livable Communities, Metropolitan Council
VICE-CHAIR
Karl Batalden – Housing and Economic Development Coordinator, City of Woodbury
TREASURER
Jeff Von Feldt – Development Manager, Duffy Development Company
SECRETARIES
Kristine Zimba – Partial Year - Director of Housing & Support Services, YWCA of St Paul
Tim Thompson – President, Housing Preservation Project
DIRECTORS
Paul Boerum – Housing Specialist - Project Quest, Wilder
James Farstad – President, Farstad.US, LLC
Tom Fulton – President, Family Housing Fund
Michael Grover – Assistant Vice President Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Alicia Huckleby – Human Resources Manager, St Paul Public Housing Agency
Brenda Hvambsal – Director of Marketing, Steven Scott Management
Amanda Novak – Vice President of Development, CommonBond Communities
Tonja Orr – Asst. Commissioner for Housing Policy, Minnesota Housing
Tracie Roberson – Homeless Services, People Incorporated

Financials
Income
13% Earned Income
33% Grants
15% In-Kind/Other
39% Contracts

Expenses
84% Program
2% Fundraising
14% Administrative

Visit housinglink.org/annualreport to view our Form 990 and audited financials.

Contact
HousingLink
International Market Square
Suite 509
275 Market Street
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612-522-2500
www.housinglink.org