

# Becoming a Housing Support Provider in Hennepin County

## Housing Support

Thank you for your interest in providing supportive housing to Hennepin County residents! There are many different models of supportive housing; one model is Housing Support (formerly known as GRH) which is a state-funded income supplement for housing costs and, in some instances, food and/or supportive services for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities.

Housing Support funds are paid directly to approved providers who receive the benefit and pay rent and utilities on behalf of the tenant. Providers must apply with Hennepin County and enter into a Housing Support Agreement to manage these benefits on behalf of low-income and disabled residents.

Individuals should never be placed in housing without first identifying an approved Housing Support provider if their housing is dependent on Housing Support funding.

## Becoming a Housing Support Provider

Hennepin County selects a small number of Housing Support providers through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which occurs once or twice a year.

*Please note:* Hennepin County is not developing provider-owned, single-family home models of supportive housing at this time.

## How to get started:

- Attend an [information session](#) for prospective providers hosted by the Hennepin County Housing Support team.
- Attend a provider overview offered by Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Develop a business plan, find a mentor, and research city and state requirements for your business model.
- Sign up in the [Provider Portal](#) to receive notices to apply to become a Housing Support provider. Use company code 952 (Human Services) when prompted.
- Once you are notified Hennepin County is accepting applications, a community information session will be held. Plan to attend that session for important information.

*Please note:* Housing Support providers who enroll and contract with DHS to not automatically become housing providers with Hennepin County.

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## Website

[Hennepin.us](http://Hennepin.us)

## Important Information

[Department of Human Services  
Program Overview](#)

[Housing Support Provider Manual](#)

[Working with Hennepin County on  
housing-related projects](#)

[Additional Funding Types](#)

[Hennepin County Supplier Portal](#)

[Connecting with a Housing Support  
Provider in Hennepin County](#)