# More Places to Call Home: Investing in Minnesota’s Future

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### 2.3 Support and expand existing home-rehabilitation tools and programs at the state and local levels to serve more homeowners who need to make improvements.

### 2.4 Substantially increase support for rehabilitation of public housing, much of which is experiencing notable deterioration.

### 3.1 Position Minnesota as a national leader in the advancement of housing innovation and technology.

### 3.2 Grow the pool of talent in Minnesota’s building trades to enable the sector to meet current and future demand.

### 3.3 Increase the capacity of local leaders to implement tools and solutions to address the home-affordability needs of their communities.

### 3.4 Expand the range of housing types across Minnesota communities.

### 3.5 Create a statewide review panel to evaluate regulations related to building standards, land use, and environmental stewardship for their impact on housing affordability.

### 4.1 Enhance and expand state and local rental assistance programs to complement federal programs that are too small to meet the need.

### 4.2 Define and crack down on predatory rental practices, including excessive evictions and poor condition of rental units.

### 4.3 Strengthen protections for renters in the private market.

### 4.4 Increase the speed and flexibility of emergency resources to prevent people from losing their homes.

### 4.5 Expand and enhance programs that help people navigate the systems to find homes and vital housing resources.

### 4.6 Incentivize the acceptance of rental assistance vouchers by the private market.

### 4.7 Prioritize investments needed to achieve the goals in Heading Home Together: Minnesota’s Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

### 5.1 Provide a dependable stream of funding for social services that help households maintain stable homes.

### 5.2 Provide access to a full range of services for families and individuals transitioning into stable homes before, during, and after the transition.

### 5.3 Improve health outcomes and reduce costs for tenants by developing better partnerships between health care and housing providers.

### 5.4 Advance the Housing Supports program for residents with disabilities by identifying gaps and potential program enhancements to ensure statewide coverage.

### 5.5 Expand programs and providers who assist individuals in finding, securing, and retaining affordable rental homes.

### 5.6 Focus on increasing access to homeownership resources for the large number of income-ready households of color who want to buy.

### 5.7 Promote alternative models of building wealth through homeownership, such as community land trusts, cooperatively owned housing, and manufactured home communities.

### 5.8 Encourage employers and foundations to support homeownership.

### 5.9 Increase funding for financial education and counseling programs that the expand the capacity of households to pursue homeownership.

### 5.10 Expand mortgage products and provide extra support to local community banks to expand financing options.

### 5.11 Expand available down-payment assistance programs.