

Questions and Answers for the MN Healthy Housing Grant Request for Proposal (RFP)

2026–2029

Some questions may be summarized to remove identifying information about the person or organization asking the question.

Questions:

1. Can you tell me if licensed 245D providers can apply for the Healthy Housing Grant?
 - a. Eligible applicants are community health boards, tribal public health agencies, local community action agencies (designated and recognized under [Minn. Stat. § 142F.301](#), and nonprofit organizations with expertise in providing outreach, education, and training on healthy housing subjects and in providing comprehensive healthy housing assessments and interventions. Nonprofit organizations must have current 501(c)3 status from the IRS.
2. Would secondary lead prevention activities and lead hazard reduction activities, like those in the SWAB grant, be considered or meet the grant requirements for Goal 6 (Coordination with Health Care/Secondary Prevention) category? If a grantee has multiple grants through MDH or another agency, can any of the community engagement outcomes be overlapped/counted for both grants?
 - a. Secondary lead prevention activities and lead hazard reduction activities, like the activities performed in the SWAB grants, would fall under that Goal 6 (Coordination with Health Care/Secondary Prevention) category. However, while activities could be similar across grants, the counting of specific deliverables **must** be kept separate for each grant and not overlap. There is no overlapping or double counting allowed for either fulfilling grant deliverables or for submitting grant invoices for reimbursement. So, while a grantee may do similar community engagement under multiple MDH grants, individual activities associated with community engagement should be clearly defined as meeting deliverables for one grant or another, but not both. Likewise, grantees cannot request reimbursement for the same exact event or outreach campaign from multiple MDH grants. Lines of deliverables must be separate for each grant.
3. I just read about this grant and I would welcome the opportunity to have a telephone conversation with you for a few minutes to see if our charity fits into the guidelines for the Healthy Housing Grant.
 - a. Thank you for your interest in the Healthy Housing Grant RFP. I'm sorry, but questions regarding this grant or RFP can only be submitted or answered via the guidelines outlined in Section 1.5 of the RFP (shown below). You are welcome to submit questions via the guidelines below and/or apply if you believe you are an eligible applicant and your work is relevant to this RFP.

“1.4 Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are community health boards, tribal public health agencies, local community action agencies (designated and recognized under [Minn. Stat. § 142F.301 \(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2025/cite/142F.301\)](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2025/cite/142F.301)), and nonprofit organizations with expertise in providing outreach, education, and training on healthy housing subjects and in providing comprehensive healthy housing assessments and interventions. Nonprofit organizations must have current 501(c)3 status from the IRS.

1.5 Questions and Answers: All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted by email to Katie Haugen at Katie.haugen@state.mn.us. All answers will be posted within two business days at [MDH Healthy Housing Grants \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/healthyhomes/hhgrant.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/healthyhomes/hhgrant.html). Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), on Friday, June 26, 2026. To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of all applications, other communications regarding this RFP including verbal, telephone, written or internet initiated by or on behalf of any applicant to any employee of MDH, other than questions submitted to as outlined above, are prohibited. **Any violation of this prohibition may result in the disqualification of the applicant.”**

4. We are looking through the RFP for the Healthy Housing Grants from MDH and are wondering if there are word or character limits for any of the narrative answers? If not, generally how long should the proposal be? Thank you!
 - a. There are not any word or character limits for any of the narrative answers. The proposal should be of sufficient length to adequately answer the questions and describe the work you plan to do. The grant applications are not scored on length. Grant applications are scored based on the Selection Criteria and Weight described in Section 2.5 and in the Scoring Sheet found in Attachment F: Application Evaluation Criteria of the Grant Request for Proposal.
5. So, I remember this Grant from prior, but Public Health did not apply, but Housing Department completed the Grant. Are you able to tell me how many families qualified for financial help with the last Grant?
 - a. I believe you’re thinking of the [Lead Hazard Reduction Grants \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/prof/leadhazgrants.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/prof/leadhazgrants.html), this is the MDH [Healthy Housing Grant \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/healthyhomes/hhgrant.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/healthyhomes/hhgrant.html). The Lead Hazard Reduction Grants have income requirements, but the Healthy Housing Grant does not have income requirements. However, applicants may choose to focus on serving people living in poverty or experiencing other socioeconomic disparities as part of the Healthy Equity Priorities outlined in section 2.1 of the Grant Request for Proposal.
6. For the MDH Healthy Housing Grant 2026–2029, are grantees expected to complete both the assessments and interventions if they choose the first area of work (Healthy Homes Assessments and Interventions)? Would purchasing intervention supplies alone be enough to qualify under this area of work?

- a. "Assessments and interventions" are considered one area of work, so if a grant applicant chooses to do that area of work, they should plan to do both assessments and interventions. However, not every home that has an assessment will also receive an intervention: some homes may not need any intervention, some homes may have more major issues than can be addressed with this grant and may be referred to other resources, and some families may refuse a recommended intervention after an assessment is completed. Applicants may choose to indicate different target numbers for the number of assessments and the number of interventions completed if it helps them plan for budgeting for staff time and resources.

Once health and safety issues have been identified through an assessment, the grantee must provide appropriate educational materials, identify resources or programs in the community that would benefit the household in addressing the safety and health concerns. If the grantee is primarily purchasing intervention supplies (rather than paying for home repair work), the intervention supplies should be provided to, and where necessary installed for, the homeowner at the discretion of the Home Health Assessor if the visual assessment indicates need. For instance, if a grantee is providing a smoke detector, some families might need assistance installing it properly. The proper use and maintenance of intervention supplies, and the hazard they address, should be fully explained to the resident. A follow-up visit or check-in must be made with the families who received education and services to assess effectiveness and durability of interventions.

7. Just to clarify, are the budget fiscal years:
 - Budget year 1 - Signature date thru June 30, 2027
 - Budget year 2 - July 1, 2027 thru June 30, 2028
 - Budget year 3 - July 1, 2028 thru June 30, 2029
 - a. Yes, that is correct, other than the grant ends June 29, 2029.
8. Do funds will roll from year 1 to year 2 but not year 2 to year 3?
 - a. Money from the first fiscal year (July 2026–June 2027) may be spent in both the first *and* second fiscal year (July 2027–June 2028), but not in the third fiscal year (July 2028–June 2029). Money from the second fiscal year (July 2027–June 2028) may be spent in both the second *and* third fiscal year (July 2028–June 2029).
9. What is the requirement for match dollars?
 - a. No specific dollar amounts are required for in-kind or matching funds. However, projects that leverage matching funds will be given priority.
10. RFP states last day of cycle is June 29th and not June 30th, is this correct?
 - a. Yes, that is correct, as June 30, 2029 is a Saturday and MDH staff are not available on weekends for any grant closeout needs.
11. This RFP references homeowners & repairs. We are interested in the assessment, prevention, education, and community engagement parts. Since our families are renters, landlords are responsible for repairs. Could we still try this since our families are renters?

We absolutely want our families to have healthy environments and the supplies would absolutely be great for improving their environments. The thing is with repairs; renters usually wouldn't pay for repairs, unless it goes beyond normal wear and tear, or they damage the unit beyond expectations. It is possible even accidentally, they could be held responsible for the cost but usually flooring and some of the other listed repair items would be the landlord's responsibility, since they would be the owner. Would it still be possible for us to try to apply for this without requesting repair funds, because our families don't own their homes?

- a. Healthy Housing Grantees can serve renters and/or homeowners. Grantees are not required to do or fund home repairs if it is not in their capacity for any reason. If grantees are doing Healthy Homes Assessments and Interventions, they may choose to plan and budget for only providing intervention supplies and not do home repairs, if home repairs do not make sense with their organization, grant plan, or population served. If a grantee notices repairs are needed that are beyond what the grantee is capable of (either due to scale of project, rented property, or other situations), the grantee should refer the family to other resources as available. In a rental property, this might include helping a renter request repairs from their landlord and/or referring them to the city, county, or legal assistance for renters such as [Home Line \(https://homelinemn.org/\)](https://homelinemn.org/).

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