



About the HRA/EDA Institute

The Greater Minnesota HRA/EDA Institute aims to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and capacity of HRAs and EDAs throughout Minnesota. The goal is to help communities create and preserve affordable housing, including rental and owner-occupied homes.

Over the course of 18 months, the Institute provides in-person training, peer to peer workshops, and technical assistance, resulting in a comprehensive housing program that serves local needs and helps secure matching funds for affordable housing.

Through the Institute, MHP and GMHF will partner with communities to address housing needs, match local resources and tailor programs for successful delivery.

HOUSING INSTITUTE GOALS

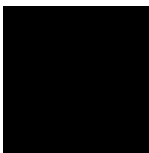
- Form **regional housing partnerships** among **multiple HRAs & EDAs**
- Establish **shared administrative and program management positions**
- Operate **multi-jurisdictional programs**
- **Share development and management services** (consultants, accounting, etc)
- Enter into permanent **joint powers and administrative agreements**
- Create **multi-jurisdictional agencies**
- **Increase levies** and other local resources
- **Build political will** to raise local resources and support joint programs

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Greater Minnesota HRA/EDA Housing Institute

*Enhancing the effectiveness,
efficiency, and capacity of HRAs
& EDAs in Greater Minnesota*





Meeting Local Housing Needs | Enhancing Local Board and Staff Capacity | Creating Innovative Housing Programs | Stabilizing Neighborhoods | Building and Strengthening Community | Attracting and Retaining Families | Creating Sustainable Organizations | Ensuring Success

MEETING LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

Facing dwindling resources in the midst of a housing crisis, communities across Minnesota struggle to provide comprehensive housing programs that address local needs. By building the capacity of HRAs, EDAs, and similar local housing organizations, the Greater Minnesota HRA/EDA Institute enables communities to meet housing needs and sustain affordable housing programs in the communities they serve. Recognizing the important role that HRAs and EDAs play in addressing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households, the EDA/HRA Institute strengthens community investment in affordable housing and helps promote strong housing leadership.

DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE & SUSTAINABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Local housing agencies face limited resources, thus increasing the difficulty of maintaining aging housing units. With few staff, many HRAs and EDAs are unable to compete for scarce resources due to increasingly complex development projects and financing mechanisms. As a result, small communities find it difficult to offer a broad range of affordable housing programs. A new approach is needed if local HRAs and EDAs are to respond to the housing crisis and tap into the array of resources available to address housing.

CREATING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

The Greater Minnesota HRA/EDA Institute provides a unique opportunity for HRAs, EDAs and other local housing organizations to collaborate with each other. By creating partnerships, EDAs and HRAs increase housing production, preserve existing units and achieve economies of scale while retaining local control. The creation of cooperative agreements enables smaller HRAs and EDAs to utilize a broad array of affordable housing options, sustain current housing stock, and leverage existing resources to address local housing needs.

LEVERAGING RESOURCES

Focus areas covered by Institute workshops will position communities to capture local, state, and national resources leading to the creation and preservation of housing for low- and moderate-income households. Through the Institute, communities receive over \$15,000 worth of training and technical assistance services from Minnesota Housing Partnership and the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund.

HRA/EDA INSTITUTE FOCUS AREAS

- Defining local housing needs and opportunities
- Assessing organizational strengths and weaknesses
- Establishing local housing priorities
- Building public and political will
- Developing local housing action plans
- Designing and implementing successful housing programs for:
 - Single-family rehab
 - Multifamily construction
 - New single-family development
 - Supportive housing
 - Housing for an aging population
 - Land banking
 - Purchase rehab
 - Neighborhood stabilization
- Marshalling local and non-local resources

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications due Friday, December 1st, 2009
 Selection by Friday, December 18, 2009
 Institute begins January 2010
 Application Contact: Minnesota Housing Partnership
 Visit www.mhponline.org for more information.

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