VOUCHERS AND THE HOUSING MARKET
MINNESOTA MULTI HOUSING ASSOCIATION

2,000 members

Owners, managers and developers of multi housing including market-rate and subsidized

Our owners range from duplex owners to national companies with tens of thousands of units

We provide educational programs, lobbying and resources to owners and managers
MHA and our national organizations strongly support the Housing Choice Voucher program

We and our national affiliates have worked for many years to make the program more usable and attractive to owners
Family Housing Fund (FHF)

- Owners/Managers Creating Opportunity project

- Region-wide systematic process to understand why or how owners/managers would like to engage with the program
FHF CREATING OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

- Interviewed 15 owners/managers representing 40,000 units
- Levels of participation were complex
- Some chose to participate with nonprofit housing rental assistance programs, but not government rental assistance
“The thread that linked all of the interviews and the theme that emerged is that owners/managers are running businesses; they have chosen to make serving people their business, and the Housing Choice Voucher program must operate effectively within this world, if it is to be successful”
FHF CREATING OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

Desire for Partnership

Accountability

Themes

Inspections

Rent Levels

MHA

Minnesota Multi Housing Association
MHA supports working together towards strategies that make the program more useable and attractive to owners

*Positive Steps:*
- NMHC/NAA support of Modernization Act
- Metro HRA’s Community Choice program and new Ombudsman position
- Utility allowances
THANK YOU!