
Summary of Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) Certified Aid Amounts for 2026

The annual appropriation for Local Affordable Housing Aid comes from a sales and use tax imposed ([Minnesota Statutes, section 477A.37](#)) within metropolitan counties as defined in [Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4](#). The counties are Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. These counties and the cities over 10,000 in population within these counties as designated by the most recent U.S. Censuses, are eligible to receive aid.

Proceeds from the sales and use tax have been deposited in the Housing Assistance Fund and distributed as follows:

- 25% to the metropolitan city aid account equating to \$43,869,756.05 in 2026
- 50% to the metropolitan county aid account equating to \$87,739,512.04 in 2026
- 25% to the state rent assistance account

Note: The amount distributed to the state rent assistance account is separate from the Local Affordable Housing Aid program and administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Counties

The calculation for counties has two components:

- I. Base aid
- II. Cost-burdened household aid

I. Base Aid

Each county receives 3% of the total appropriation available for distribution to counties. For 2025, the total appropriation is \$85,413,859.38 which is the amount available in the Metropolitan County Aid Account on June 1, 2025 as prescribed in [M.S. 477A.35, subd. 6\(a\)](#). The amount for each county is:

$$\$87,739,512.04 \times 3\% = \$2,632,185.36$$

For 2026, the total amount of base aid is \$18,425,297.52.

II. Cost-Burdened Household Aid

The remaining appropriation is multiplied by each county's distribution factor.

The county distribution factor is the number of households in a county that are cost-burdened divided by the total cost-burdened households in all counties. A "cost-burdened household" is one in which the gross rent is 30 percent or more of household income or in which homeownership costs are 30 percent or more of household income.

For 2026, the data used was the most recent estimates provided by the American Community Survey of the United States Census Bureau as of May 1, 2026. This was the five-year estimate ending in 2024 from Table DP04, Selected Housing Characteristics, as accessed at <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDP5Y2023.DP04?q=DP04> and then filtering by Geography > County > Minnesota > All Counties in Minnesota. The characteristics used were:

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- Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units with a Mortgage, 30.0% to 34.9%
 - Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units with a Mortgage, 35.0% or more
 - Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units without a Mortgage, 30.0% to 34.9%
 - Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units without a mortgage, 35.0% or more
 - Gross Rent as a Percentage of Housing Income, Occupied Units Paying Rent, 30.0% to 34.9%
 - Gross Rent as a Percentage of Housing Income, Occupied Units Paying Rent, 35.0% or more%

For 2026, the total amount of cost-burdened housing aid is \$69,314,214.52.

Cities

The entire \$43,869,756.05 appropriation for cities is distributed based on cost-burdened households. This appropriation is the amount available in the Metropolitan City Aid Account on June 1, 2026, as prescribed in [M.S. 477A.35, subd. 6\(a\)](#).

The city distribution factor is the number of households in a city that are cost-burdened divided by the total cost-burdened households in eligible cities. A “cost-burdened household” is one in which the gross rent is 30 percent or more of household income or in which homeownership costs are 30 percent or more of household income.

For 2026, the data used was the most recent estimates provided by the American Community Survey of the United States Census Bureau as of May 1, 2026. This was the five-year estimate ending in 2024 from Table DP04, Selected Housing Characteristics, as accessed at <https://data.census.gov/table?q=DP04&tid=ACSDP5Y2023.DP04> and then filtering by Geography > Place > Minnesota > All Places in Minnesota. The characteristics used were:

- Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units with a Mortgage, 30.0% to 34.9%
- Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units with a Mortgage, 35.0% or more
- Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units without a Mortgage, 30.0% to 34.9%
- Selected Monthly Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income, Housing Units without a mortgage, 35.0% or more
- Gross Rent as a Percentage of Housing Income, Occupied Units Paying Rent, 30.0% to 34.9%
- Gross Rent as a Percentage of Housing Income, Occupied Units Paying Rent, 35.0% or more%

LAHA Payment Dates

In 2026, the total certified LAHA amount is paid to all recipients in two equal installments, on July 20 and December 26.