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News Conference Alert: Homes for All outlines proposed \$50 million investment to prevent family homelessness, create workforce housing

When: Today Thursday, March 7, 2013, 11:00 – 11:45am

Where: State Capitol Room 125

What: Legislation to invest \$50 million to address rising family homelessness and workforce housing shortages was introduced. Advocates will respond to new statewide homeless data released by Wilder Research on March 6.

- The first hearing (HF937) will be held in the HHS Finance Committee on March 7th.
- *Homeless Day on the Hill* is March 7. **Hearing is at 10; news conference at 11.**

Speakers:

- **Liz Kuoppala**, *Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless* (Co-chair, Homes for All)
- **Darielle Dannen**, *Public Policy Director, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers* (Co-chair, Homes for All)
 - Why: Homes for All is the statewide alliance of over 40 housing and homeless organizations working toward housing solutions for Minnesota.
- **Jen Peterson**, *Cottage Grove City Council Member*
 - Why: Peterson is a formerly homeless mother of four, serving her second term on the Cottage Grove City Council.
- **Michelle Gerrard**, *Research Manager, Wilder Research* and **Greg Owen**, *Senior Research Manager, Wilder Research*
 - Why: To present new 2012 *Homelessness in Minnesota* data. Statewide and Regions Counts from the 2012 survey will be released on Wednesday March 6, 2013. Wilder Research conducts statewide homeless surveys once every three years.
- **Ryan Vernosh**, *2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year*
 - Why: Vernosh has extensive experience working with economically disadvantaged children at Maxfield Elementary School in St. Paul. Over 11,000 Minnesota public school students were identified as homeless or highly mobile in 2011-2012.
- **Representative Jason Isaacson** (Shoreview)
 - Why: Representative Isaacson is chief author of a bill that would invest an additional \$25 million in housing and homeless programs. It is part of a \$50 million package.

\$50 Million to Prevent Family Homelessness and Create Workforce Housing

Bill Number	Authors	Bill Description
DHS SF797(Clausen)	Senate Authors: Clausen, Rosen, Sheran, Eken, Franzen	\$25 million for DHS programs to prevent and end homelessness Includes \$8 million to fund the Homeless Youth Act (Housing and services for unaccompanied teens and young adults.)
DHS HF937(Laine)	House Authors: Laine, Abeler, Allen, Newton, Moran, Metsa, Clark, Liebling, Hortman, Huntley, Norton, Benson J., Lien.	
Minnesota Housing SF811(Dibble)	Senate Authors: Dibble, Carlson, Hawj, Saxhaug, Senjem	\$25 million for Minnesota Housing programs to prevent homelessness, build workforce housing, promote homeownership
Minnesota Housing HF1194 (Isaacson)	House Authors: Isaacson, Clark, Radinovich, Moran, Sawatzky, Fischer, Bly, Abeler, Metsa, Ward, J.D., Dehn, Carlson, Schoen, Newton, McNamara, Sundin, Zerwas, Anzelc, Faust, Freiberg, Johnson, S., Johnson, C., Dorholt	

DHS SF797 (Clausen)/HF937 (Laine)	2012-2013 Funding Level	Governor Dayton Budget Proposal	Proposed Increase (SF797/ HF937)	Total Base Funding Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term homeless supportive services Transitional housing Emergency services and shelter 	\$16.5 million	\$16.5 million	\$17 million	\$33.5 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless Youth Act 	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$7.8 million	\$8 million
Total			\$25 million	\$41.5 million
Minnesota Housing SF811 (Dibble)/HF1194 (Isaacson)	2012-2013 Funding Level	Governor Dayton Budget Proposal	Proposed Increase (SF811/ HF1194)	Total Base Funding Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family homeless prevention Affordable housing development Rental assistance Preservation & Rental Rehab Loans Capacity building Homebuyer education Homeowner assistance 	\$70 million	\$83 million*	\$25 million	\$95 million
Total			\$25 million	\$95 million

*Governor Dayton's budget included additional funding for rental assistance (\$3 million) and the Challenge Fund (\$10 million)

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Facts about Housing and Homelessness

- Approximately 13,100 Minnesotans are homeless on any given night (*Wilder Research 2009.*)
- 55 percent of homeless Minnesotans are families with children (*HUD Point-in-Time Count 2012*).
- Over 75,000 homes were lost to foreclosure in Minnesota between 2008 and 2010 (*Minnesota Housing, 2011*).
- 11,000 public school students were identified as homeless or highly mobile during the 2011-2012 school year (*MN Dept. of Education, 2012*).
- One in four Minnesotan renters paid half or more of their monthly income toward rent in 2011 (*American Community Survey, 2011*). One in seven Minnesotans paid half or more of their monthly income toward housing in 2011 (*American Community Survey, 2011*). Family stability is compromised when households are pay half or more of their income toward housing.

Homes for All Endorsers

Aeon
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity
Agency
Catholic Charities
Center City Housing
Children's Hope International
City of Lakes Community Land
Trust
Churches United in Ministry
CommonBond Communities
Congden Park Elementary
Downtown Congregations to End
Homelessness
Duluth Housing and
Redevelopment Authority
Duluth LISC
D.W. Jones, Inc.
Eveleth Housing and
Redevelopment Authority
Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for
Homeless Persons
Grace University Lutheran Church
Greater Metropolitan Housing
Corporation
Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
Heading Home Hennepin
Heading Home Minnesota
Heading Home Ramsey

Heartland Community Action
HOME Line
Hope Coalition
Hope Community
Hope Community Presbyterian
Church
House of Charity
Hearth Connection
Interfaith Outreach and
Community Partners
Lincoln Park Middle School
Lutheran Social Service
MN Land Trust Coalition
Midwest Minnesota Community
Development Corporation
Minnesota Assistance Council for
Veterans
Metropolitan Consortium of
Community Developers
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on
Affordable Housing
Minnesota Community Action
Partnership
Minnesota Coalition for the
Homeless
Minnesota Housing Partnership
Minnesota NAHRO

Minnesota - National Alliance on
Mental Illness
Murray County Schools (ISD 2169)
Nettleton Elementary
North Shore Horizons
Our Saviour's Housing
People Serving People
PORTICO Interfaith Housing
Collaborative
PRG, Inc.
Project for Pride in Living
Range Transitional Housing
Rise, Inc.
Shelter Corporation
Southwest Minnesota Housing
Partnership
St. Louis County
St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
Outreach
Ministries
St. Stephens Human Services
Start Today Hennepin
The Bridge for Youth
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
Urban Homeworks
Virginia Housing and
Redevelopment Authority
Wilder Foundation