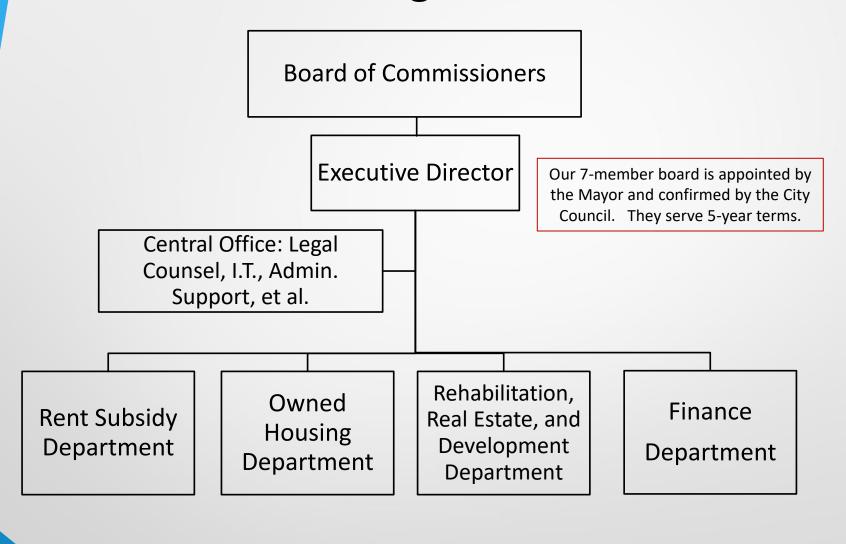


# Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota

FY 2026 Budget and Tax Levy Presentation to City Council

### Our Organization



# Core Programs Supporting Households in the City of Duluth (1)

- HRA Owned Housing:
  - 1,220 units of rental housing
  - Varied subsidies Public Housing, Project Based Rental
     Assistance, Project Based Vouchers, Workforce Unsubsidized, Tax
     Credit
- Rental Assistance Through Housing Choice Vouchers and Other Rent Subsidy Programs:
  - 2,137 Housing Choice Vouchers (35 of these set aside for nonelderly/disabled households)
  - Assistance to help homeless veterans through 22 Veteran's Administration Supportive Housing Vouchers
  - Assistance to end homelessness through Coordinated Entry,
     Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and Emergency Solutions Grant funding

# Core Programs Supporting Households in the City of Duluth (2)

- Neighborhood Stabilization and Revitalization through our Rehab and Real Estate Department
  - Emergency repair program for low and moderate-income (LMI) homeowners
  - Exterior repair and fuel oil conversion programs for LMI singlefamily homeowners and small multi-family rental units
  - Manage and disburse the City's Revolving Loan Fund program for both income qualified homeowners and small multi-family rental units who rent to income-qualified tenants
  - Manage the City's Housing Trust Fund
  - Development

## **OVERALL**

We house approximately 3,300 households and families every day and bring in over \$16 million in rental assistance that goes into the hands of local landlords, over \$2 million in funding for capital improvement projects that is used in publicly owned housing projects using local labor and products, and over \$200,000 in state resources for rehab projects providing local construction work.

# Authority Support provided to the City of Duluth

Funding for up to two full-time Police Officers

 North Pointe Resource Center, Lincoln Park Center, and Harbor Highlands Community Center operations

 Support of city staff through co-funding the Senior Housing Developer position

# Development, Redevelopment, and Community Initiatives

- Fairmount Cottages 18 units in the Fairmount neighborhood, mixed income, rental housing
- Skyridge Flats (70-unit, 55+, 50% and 30% AMI housing units) –
   \$19 million development, Leasing!!
- Harbor Highlands Phase VI Townhomes 40 units of affordable family townhomes – Leasing!!
- Harbor Highlands Tract B, home ownership phase in partnership with One Roof Community Housing
- Homeless Warming Center permanent site, substantial rehab, opened in February 2022
- Construction Training Program
- New Partnership with Union Gospel Mission for an Engagement Center to address assistance for those experiencing homelessness along with 40 units of supportive housing – applied for MHFA funding and state bonding

## CY2026 Tax Levy Request

#### \$490,000 - Owned Housing and Rent Subsidy Program Support

- \$150,000 Funding shortfalls in HUD programs and at Harborview Phase I
- \$300,000 High Rise Security Contract
- \$40,000 HUD Housing Preservation Programs

#### \$132,633 – Warming Center and Other Community Center Operations and Maintenance

- \$35,348 Lincoln Park Center Operations (including the Homeless Warming Center and AEOA meals on wheels support)
- \$37,285 North Pointe Resource Center Operations
- \$60,000 Harbor Highlands Community Center Operations

#### \$1,140,688 – Affordable Housing Programs and Development

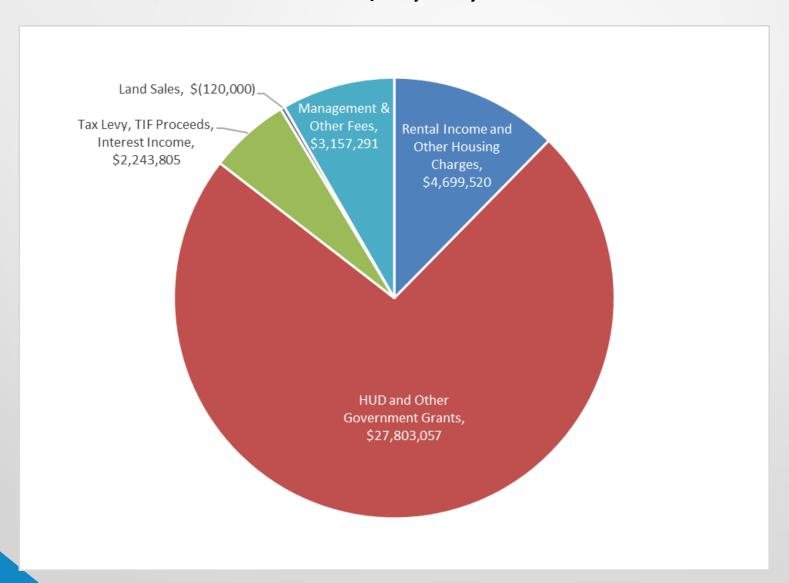
- \$50,000 Multi-family due diligence, refinancing, and acquisition
- \$350,000 Workforce home ownership programs
- \$173,000 Construction Training Program
- \$344,000 Single Family Home improvement Programs
- \$75,000 Funding for the City and HRA Senior Housing Developer position
- \$148,688 Other Programs including Single Family Housing Rehab, Housing Trust Fund Management, Section 8 Landlord Initiatives, etc.

#### \$305,568 – Community Development, Homelessness Programming, and Housing Support Services

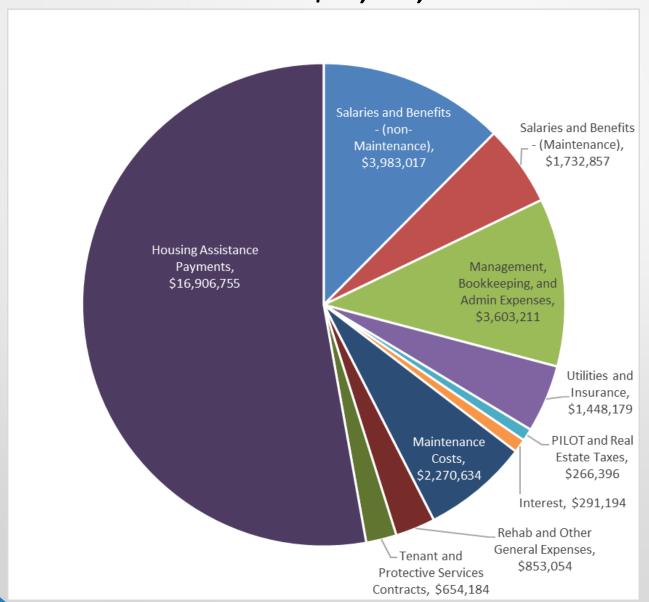
- \$172,103 Two full-time Community Police Officers (in addition to the tax levy, \$30,000 of HRA owned housing funds are also used to support the police officers)
- \$47,500 Tenant Landlord Connection Support (partnership with One Roof, the City of Duluth, and St. Louis County)
- \$85,965 Mission Heights Development

Total Tax Levy for CY 2026: \$2,068,889

## FY 2026 Estimated Revenues TOTAL: \$37,783,673



## FY 2026 Proposed Expenses TOTAL: \$32,009,481



### FY 2026 Net Cash Flow

- Excess revenue over expenses: \$5,774,192
  - Operating Transfer to Harbor Highlands Phase I and the Harbor Highlands Community Center: (\$210,000)
  - Replacement Reserve Contributions: (\$754,424)
  - Operating Reserve Contributions: (\$1,145,215)
  - Debt Principal Payments: (\$192,934)
  - Capital Projects: (\$1,978,954)
  - Operating Projects: (\$254,590)
  - Funding committed by Board Resolution for the Orchards of Morgan Park home ownership project: (\$1,300,000)
  - Transfer in from replacement reserves: +\$1,213,997
  - Net Cash Flow: \$1,152,072
- Because of repositioning to Section 8 and out of Public Housing:
  - We have a strong bottom line and are able to respond to unexpected issues.
  - It is functioning as intended to preserve our affordable housing assets into the future as well as create operating and replacement reserves for these properties.

## HRA Levy - Impact on Home Owners

### Impact on a \$275,000 home:

2025 HRA levy amount of \$1,982,923: \$40.10

2026 HRA levy amount of \$2,068,889: \$41.84

\$1.74 per year increase to maintain the rate of .0185% of EMV

- Keeping the rate the same would capture an additional \$85,966.
- These funds are earmarked to be used for the Mission Heights housing development.

## **Looking Ahead**

- New Housing Developments
  - Phase VI (40 units) Now Leasing!
  - Home Ownership at Harbor Highlands partnership with One Roof – planned construction start in Spring 2026
  - Central Hillside workforce home ownership construction start Fall 2025
  - Orchards of Morgan Park workforce home ownership construction start Spring 2026
  - Mission Heights funding applications submitted
- Asset Repositioning final phase in fiscal year 2026
- City Programs
  - Housing Trust Fund Management
  - Revolving Loan Fund Management/Disbursement
  - Blight Committee Work
- New "Bring It Home MN" Vouchers awarded!! Program anticipated to start by January 2026

# • The HRA touches the lives of approximately 3,300 families through housing assistance of varying forms.

- The tax levy request allows the HRA to continue supporting its mission of creating housing opportunities and strengthening neighborhoods to sustainably achieve a quality living environment for all.
- In 2026, a 0.0185% tax rate will generate enough funding for the HRA to continue its current and planned initiatives.
- The tax levy represents approximately 5.5% of the HRA overall revenue – but it is an important 5.5% as it is not restricted by HUD regulations.
- Additionally, the HRA is not applying for CDBG funds for 2026 for the rehab department. This will free up approximately \$300,000 for other non-profit organizations to do their mission-based work.

The HRA continues to be committed to working with our partners and supporting development initiatives that not only create housing opportunities but also stimulate the local economy.

## Thank you!



Any Questions?

