## INVESTMENTS HAVE IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Across the state, developers are poised to create jobs and economic impact by building and preserving homes for families and workers. In 2017, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) received funding applications for 89 projects, representing **more than 3,800 homes, that were ready for development**. Bonding resources make it possible for critical projects to move from the drawing board to breaking ground.



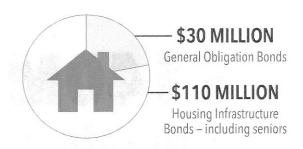
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## BONDS SUPPORT FULL HOUSING CONTINUUM

There isn't one kind of housing that fits the needs of every Minnesotan. Bonding resources create new and preserve existing rental homes, make improvements to the state's public housing and promote homeownership. To meet the needs of all Minnesotans, we need these resources to be available for senior and manufactured housing projects, as well.



## BONDING IMPROVES LIVES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS MINNESOTA



Beacon Hill in Grand Rapids met a growing need for affordable housing in Itasca County, which saw a more than 22% increase in homelessness from 2012 to 2015. "I was personally getting nine or 10 calls every single day from people who needed housing, many of them in tears," says Audrey Moen, Housing Manager at Northland Counseling Center. With state bond funding, Beacon Hill was able to create 48 units of housing, including 28 townhomes for families with children. "When they told me, 'You got into Beacon Hill,' I was on cloud nine," says Dale, a resident. "There was nothing I had my sights set on more than having a place to call my own."

Photo: Grand Rapids Mayor, Dale Adams; Audrey Moen and Diane Larsen, Exec Director of the Itasca County HRA



Mysa House in Mora isn't open yet but it already has a waiting list of 45 eager residents. "We feel it every day - the great need," says Rose Dunn, director of the Mora Housing and Redevelopment Authority (picture above, left). Making small strides toward the more than 2,700 additional senior units needed in East Central MN through 2025, Mysa House will provide 24 homes for seniors in a burgeoning community for older Minnesotans. The project was one of two to receive funding through Minnesota Housing's Senior Pilot Program and the first to begin construction. A change to eligibility, supported by Homes for All, would allow more projects like Mysa House to support the growing population of older Minnesotans in communities statewide.



**Upper Post Veterans Community** in Saint Paul has given US Army veteran Justyn Hardwick (pictured above) "the base of operations in life to do what I'm meant to do." Previously homeless, the opportunity to live at the CommonBond property that rehabbed historic buildings at Fort Snelling to provide 58 units of affordable housing for veterans and their families has allowed Justyn to work as a food coordinator, coach youth baseball and volunteer for the parks board. Through Upper Post, housing infrastructure bonds have given Justyn the chance to use his "ingenuity and wherewithal" to not only better his life but work with youth in his community. "I'm giving back what I've got," he says.

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