

Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (HRAs)



Minnesota HRA's are defined under
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 469

- An HRA is primarily responsible for planning and implementation of low-rent housing assistance and/or redevelopment programs
 - Rental assistance
 - Rental housing
 - Homeownership programs
 - Housing Rehab programs
- HRAs can be at the city or county level
 - There are more than 230 HRAs in the state
 - Single or multi-county jurisdictions
- HRA/Housing Authority/Public Housing Authority

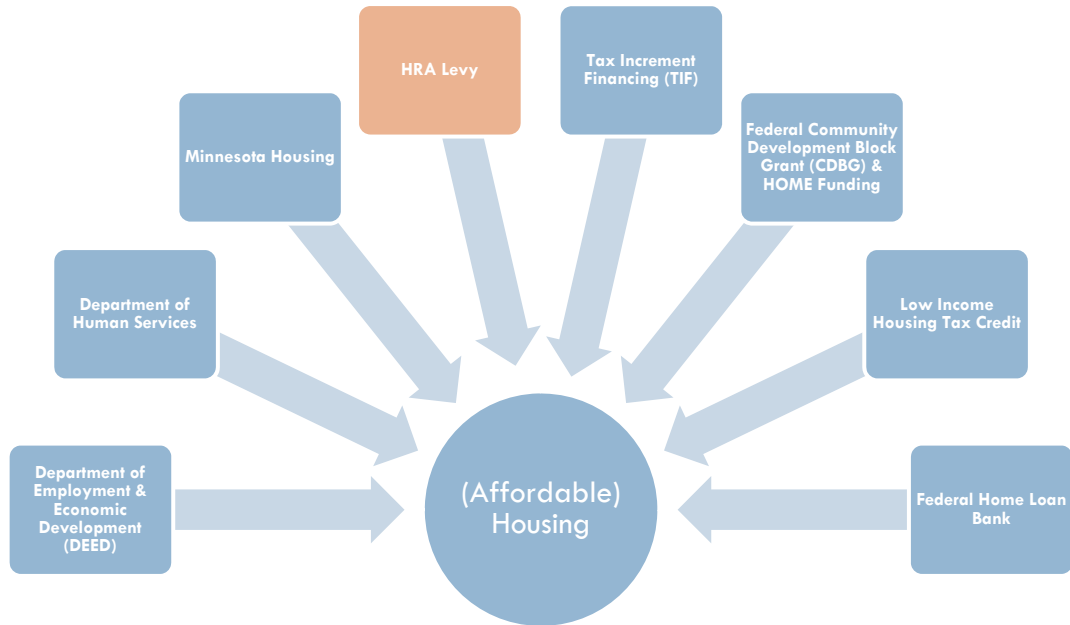
Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

- Established as the Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in 1994
 - Established by special legislation
 - Formerly the Rochester Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- HRA Board of Commissioners
 - 7-member board appointed by Olmsted County and the City of Rochester
 - Directs and sets policies for programs and services
 - Meets at Noon on the second Monday of the month
- Programming and services
 - Rental Assistance
 - Housing Choice Voucher Program –532 vouchers
 - Owned Rental Units
 - Federal Public Housing Program – 110 units
 - Other: River’s Edge: mixed-income development which opened in 2003
 - 39 units targeting residents that earn between \$9 and \$15 per hour
 - Housing Rehabilitation
 - Serves about 800 households annually
- Annual budget of approximately \$5 million
 - Federal, State and Local resources

River’s Edge, Rochester



HRA Levy



- Permitted under Minnesota Statutes
- Provides a dedicated source of funding to be used on housing issues
 - ▣ Existing and/or New Programs
 - Housing Development
 - Housing Preservation/Rehabilitation
 - Rental Assistance
 - ▣ Operating Support
 - Administrative expenses, overhead costs
- Maximum levy amount can not exceed .0185% of estimated market value based on the previous year's assessed values
 - ▣ Levy amounts vary by jurisdiction—based on local approval and need
- Subject to consent by the County Board
- City and County HRA's
 - ▣ 82 submitted preliminary levy budgets for calendar year 2015