



The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 forced lawmakers and advocates to pivot from many of their top priorities in order to coordinate the state's response. As a result, many items on our policy agenda saw mixed results (e.g., programs received one-time funding for emergency relief). This information is a quick snapshot of progress made, taking into account items related to COVID-19, as appropriate. Please see our full 2020 Legislative Session Summary for more details.

OUR PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING THOSE MOST IN NEED:

AspireMN
 City of Minneapolis
 City of Saint Paul
 Greater MSP
 Hennepin County
 Hennepin County Medical Center
 Homes4All
 Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
 Kids Can't Wait
 Legal Services Advocacy Project
 Metropolitan Council
 Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
 Minneapolis Downtown Council
 Minneapolis NAACP
 Minnesota Department of Health
 Minnesota Department of Human Services
 Minnesota Housing
 Minnesota Housing Partnership
 Minnesota Social Services Association
 Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging
 National Alliance on Mental Illness MN
 Prosperity's Front Door
 Ramsey County
 Say Yes & Invest
 Second Chance Coalition
 Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
 Statewide Business Coalitions
 This Is Medicaid



PASSED

- Criminal justice reform, including banning chokeholds, prohibiting warrior-style training, requiring a duty to intervene, and increasing citizen representation on the POST Board
- \$26.5 million in one-time funding for Emergency Services Program (COVID-19)
- Increase reimbursement rates for the Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP)
- \$100 million for emergency renters' assistance (COVID-19)
- Temporary 15% increase to Housing Support base rate (COVID-19)
- Human services program waivers / temporary absence from Housing Support (COVID-19)
- Fund efforts to address hunger and food insecurity (COVID-19)
- Drive innovations for aging in place
- Increase mental health crisis services and response within shelter settings
- Support transition to new Housing Stabilization Benefit (Priority Item)



PROGRESS

- Pass an equitable capital investment bill with funding for deeply affordable housing (Priority Item for Special Session)
- Expand HIB eligible uses to include emergency shelter and 50% and under AMI housing (Priority Item for Special Session)
- Remove barriers for people experiencing housing instability to participate in voting (COVID-19, Priority Item)
- One-time \$500 increase to Minnesota Family Investment Program (COVID-19, Item for Special Session)
- Support efforts and increased funding to prevent and end youth homelessness (COVID-19)
- Remove discriminatory practices in accessing housing and enhance tenants' rights (COVID-19)
- Support reforms to Minnesota's child protection system, including passing the African American Family Preservation Act
- Fund efforts to prevent domestic violence
- Fund services with a focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed practices
- Fund increases to school-linked mental health
- Reform housing support to ensure people receiving benefits can maintain more of their income
- Ensure all Minnesotans have access to health care with a comprehensive benefit set
- Support optimal nonprofit service delivery, including tax exemptions and deductions for charitable giving



DID NOT PASS

- Increase funding for Emergency Services Program to \$15 million per year to meet the existing emergency shelter needs (Priority Item)
- Increase Housing Support base rate by \$100/month to support those most in need (Priority Item)
- Secure Medicaid benefit for recuperative care programs



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