The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority is 98 percent federally-funded. Congress appropriates funds that are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During 2018, MPHA anticipates receiving $114 million in federal funds. Our housing programs (Low-Income Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers) have been underfunded and unable to grow for many years. Lack of sufficient funding for essential public housing capital projects—major repairs, upgrades, and redevelopment—is especially severe.

Public Housing Operating Subsidy

The federal Public Housing Operating Subsidy funds property management and routine maintenance of our 6,000 public housing units. A HUD formula calculates the money we should receive; Congress has for many years appropriated less. We currently receive 94% of the formula amount, although this gap varies widely from year to year (see below).

Rent from tenants (who pay 30 percent of their income) supplements the federal subsidy. Rents comprise about half of the revenues for our owned-and-operated public housing.

Federal Subsidy for Public Housing Operations (percent of full funding)

![Graph showing the federal subsidy for public housing operations from 2012 to 2018.](image)

Public Housing Capital Fund

Congress appropriates money separately for major repairs, renovations, and redevelopment of public housing. This Public Housing Capital Fund is volatile and has declined for decades (see below). Many of our buildings are more than 50 years old, and capital funding falls far short of what we need to preserve our housing for the future (see above).

MPHA is committed to working with state and local officials, investors, and nonprofit partners to pursue alternate funding to preserve our housing for today’s and tomorrow’s families.

Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)

MPHA’s approximately 5,000 housing vouchers are funded via Housing Assistance Payments (or HAP, which is the money MPHA pays to landlords toward rent on a family’s behalf) and the Section 8 Administrative Fee, which supports administration of the program (eligibility, landlord outreach, inspections, etc.). For many years, Congress funded the HAP at a level intended to keep the number of vouchers flat, but in recent years has shifted to slightly underfunding the program. Congress has dramatically reduced the voucher program Admin Fee, which is presently at 80 percent of its full level.

As a HUD-designated “Moving to Work” (MTW) housing agency, MPHA can and does combine funding from the above sources to meet our most urgent needs and best serve our community.