

Repair + Grow Frequently Asked Questions

Is Repair + Grow an ongoing program? What is the anticipated timeline?

No. Repair + Grow is a one-time program. The RFP will be released in quarter 3 of 2024 and will utilize revenues received from the Metro Sales and Use Tax for housing in 2024 and 2025. Organizations selected for funding under Repair + Grow must submit reimbursement requests in 2025 and Q1 2026.

Will Repair + Grow pay rent for tenants to prevent eviction?

No. Hennepin County has separately set aside funds from LAHA/SAHA for emergency rental assistance for eviction prevention. This funding for emergency rental assistance, currently in the amount of \$5 million, is planned to be ongoing.

Will preservation be an eligible cost of the Repair + Grow program?

Repair + Grow will provide funds to stabilize portfolios and grow the capacity of affordable housing development/ownership organizations. This program will not provide a deep capital investment in few specific properties, rather it will provide a shallower benefit across portfolios. Limited deferred maintenance, especially for those items that will decrease property operating costs or increase rental income, is an eligible expense of the Repair + Grow program.

Starting in 2026, Hennepin County will start programming Metro Sales and Use Tax for housing revenues for capital investments in affordable housing production and preservation.

Will including a property in our organization's portfolio as part of our Repair + Grow application disqualify that property for a future full renovation/recapitalization?

No. Organizations may utilize funds from Repair + Grow to stabilize and improve their Hennepin County portfolios and may determine that some properties in the portfolio will benefit from a deeper renovation/recapitalization in the years to come.

Which costs are eligible for the Repair + Grow program?

Expenditures that support stabilized housing operations in order to facilitate new development are eligible, as outlined in the draft program description. Other costs not explicitly mentioned in the draft program description may be considered on a case-by-case basis; Hennepin County may approve these, at its sole discretion, if proposed costs also meet Repair + Grow goals.

What else is Hennepin County doing with its Metro Sales Tax for housing revenues?

Hennepin County is already providing Emergency Rental assistance to tenants needing emergency assistance at Housing Court. Starting in 2026, Hennepin County will provide capitalized operating and services gap funding for supportive housing projects receiving Supportive Housing Capital funding, as well as significantly expand our affordable housing development and preservation funds for both multifamily and homeownership opportunities.