



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** October 14, 2014

**Title of Item:** Letter of Support for Aitkin County HRA

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Nathan Burkett		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> n/a		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> n/a
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>The Aitkin County HRA is requesting a letter of support for funding through the MHFA (see attached).</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve letter of support (attached) to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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OF  
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 3, 2014

To: Nathan Burkett, Aitkin County Administrator  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

From: Nancy J. Johnson Houg, Executive Director  
Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Aitkin County

Re: Letter of Support for Aitkin County HRA

The Aitkin County HRA is applying for funding available through the MHFA (Minnesota Housing Finance Agency) Publicly Owned Housing Program.

The intent of this application is to access funding for roof replacement and fire system replacement at Maryhill Manor located in Aitkin and replacement of the fire systems at Pioneer Villa in McGregor and Hill Lake Manor in Hill City.

The Aitkin County HRA is asking for a letter in support of these projects.

# AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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October 14, 2014

Emily Strong  
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1998

RE: Support of Aitkin County HRA application for funding

Dear Ms. Strong,

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners has voted to support the Aitkin County HRA's application for funding from the MHFA Publicly Owned Housing Program.

With funding from MHFA the Aitkin County HRA will be able to replace a roof and a fire protection system at Maryhill Manor in Aitkin, and replace fire protection systems in Pioneer Villa in McGregor and Hill Lake Manor in Hill City. The roof replacement is a good investment to reduce the possibility of future damage and increased replacement costs, and the fire protection systems help the HRA to maintain code compliance and keep residents safe.

The Aitkin County HRA provides a very valuable public service, providing housing for vulnerable people and for people who would not otherwise be able to afford a place to live.

For these reasons, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the Aitkin County HRA's proposal and urges the MHFA to grant the requested funds.

Sincerely,



Nathan Burkett, MPA  
Aitkin County Administrator

cc: Nancy J. Johnson Houg, Aitkin County HRA Executive Director