



# MEDIA KIT

## Minneapolis Public Housing Authority

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# 01 MISSION

The mission of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority is to promote and deliver quality, well-managed homes to a diverse low-income population and, with partners, contribute to the well-being of the individuals, families and community we serve. The agency achieves its mission through its three primary programs: Public Housing, Deeply Affordable Family Housing, and Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8). Across all three programs, MPHA assists more than 26,000 people access quality, stable, and affordable housing every day.



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## 02 ABOUT THE AGENCY

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority helps provide more than 26,000 people with quality, safe, and affordable housing through its various housing assistance programs. This includes owning and operating more than 6,000 units across 42 high-rises, 184 family townhomes at Glendale, and 750+ scattered site family homes, along with administering nearly 7,500 federally subsidized Housing Choice Vouchers (“Section 8”). Minneapolis Public Housing Authority is one of the original 39 Moving To Work (MTW) agencies, providing MPHA additional budget flexibilities to develop localized, innovative housing solutions. The agency is also a long-standing high-preformer, consistently earning the organization additional funding and grant opportunities.



## 03 ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Abdi Warsame became MPHA’s Executive Director/CEO in March 2020, just as the COVID-19 crisis began taking hold. Through this global crisis, Abdi focused his early work on resident health and safety while gaining his footing as the CEO of the state’s largest housing authority. As the world endured to emerge into its new normal, he helped chart a new path forward for MPHA that centered on four priorities: People, Preservation, Production, and Partnership.

In 2024, Abdi was honored with National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials’ Outstanding Professional of the Year award, the organization’s highest and most prestigious award. Abdi was the first Minnesotan to win this award. He was also listed in Twin Cities Business’ 2025 Notable BIPOC Executives and Finance & Commerce’s 2025 Power List (Real Estate Developers).

Prior to joining MPHA, he had been a member of the Minneapolis City Council, representing the 6th Ward since 2014. He has a BSc in Business and a Master’s Degree in International Business. He and his family live in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis.



To download Abdi Warsame’s photo, click [here](#).

## 04 RECENT SUCCESS

**Stable Homes Stable Schools** - Established in 2019, this pioneering partnership between MPHA, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and Minneapolis Public Schools works to reduce homelessness among families with elementary-aged kids in Minneapolis through prevention and intervention services.

- [Minneapolis program provides housing for more than 6,700 students, city says \(WCCO\)](#)

**Family Housing Expansion Project** - A modular construction, family housing project bringing 26 two- and 58 three-bedroom units across 16 multiplexes in Minneapolis. Celebrating the first buildings' grand opening in 2023, this project is the agency's largest new-unit development in more than two decades.

- [Minneapolis celebrates first large-scale affordable housing project in more than 20 years \(MPR News\)](#)

**Pathways To Success** - Established in 2023, this innovative partnership that takes a holistic approach in empowering MPHA residents to achieve long-term financial stability connecting families with career training and homebuying tools from Twin Cities R!SE, PRG, Inc., and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

- ['Our own little space in this world': Partnership helps families achieve dream of home ownership \(Sahan Journal\)](#)

**Spring Manor Redevelopment** - Breaking ground in 2025, this is the largest public housing redevelopment in city history. The project is estimated at \$78 million and will preserve 221 units across two neighboring buildings, while also constructing a new building that will create 15 new accessible deeply affordable units.

- [Massive public housing project underway in Minneapolis \(KARE 11\)](#)