

Funding Model for HMIS

The current Board charged with managing HMIS has agreed on a funding model for the MN HMIS:

- A. COCs will fund the anticipated base budget through a contribution equal to 2% of the HUD grant for each COC.
- B. State agencies, with Minnesota Housing and the Department of Human Services serving as leads, will contribute to the HMIS Budget.
 - State funding may be secured through a direct ask to the state Legislature and/or through contributions from individual state agencies. If the latter, the HMIS Governing Board and the Interagency Council on Homelessness will be instrumental in soliciting these funds. Contributors could include DOC, DEED, DOE, DVA, DOT, DOH, DPS, and others.
- C. Grantees/Sub-grantees receiving direct Federal funds for programs required to participate in HMIS (e.g. ESG, SSVF, RHY, HOPWA) will provide HMIS funding equal to 2% of the grant amount, similar to the CoC funding allocation approach.
- D. HMIS users will pay a user fee which will be determined annually. A long-term goal will be to reduce user fees to encourage use of the system and improve data quality. All agencies, including complex agencies, cost for use of the system are covered through user fees.
- E. Foundation monies will be considered as an option, on an as needed basis, for add ons and/or enhancements to the system, not for ongoing system operations.

Any services deemed by the Operations work group (a Board committee) to be outside of the core HMIS services will require a special contract with the HMIS Lead Agency and agreement from that workgroup about the priority of the work to be included in the work plan.