

Olmstead Plan Public Comment Guide: Housing

Public Comment is an opportunity to give feedback on goal drafts related to housing for people with disabilities. Some goal topics include rent affordability, accessibility, housing satisfaction, and loan programs.

The full draft of the Olmstead Plan and the full text of goals can be found on the Olmstead Implementation Office [public comment period webpage](#).

Draft goals for housing include:

Housing Goal 1: People with disabilities will have access to more accessible housing and housing with deeply affordable rents paired with supportive services.

- Lead agency: Minnesota Housing
- This goal has two parts:
 - Increasing availability of housing units that meet universal design standards
 - Increasing the number of permanent supportive housing (PSH) units developed to primarily serve people with disabilities

Housing Goal 2: More people with disabilities will receive affordable financing for accessibility updates to their homes.

- Lead agency: Minnesota Housing
- This goal is about homeownership and Minnesota Housing's home improvement loan programs: the Rehabilitation Loan Program and Fix Up Loans. The goal is for more loans to go to people with disabilities to make accessibility updates.

Housing Data Goal 1: Incarcerated individuals with disabilities will have accessible housing upon release.

- Lead agency: Department of Corrections (DOC), supported by Department of Human Services (DHS) and Minnesota Housing

- Part one of this goal will be to collect data that is not currently tracked. When a baseline is established, DOC will add a measurable goal to the Olmstead Plan.
- The DOC wants to write a goal about housing for incarcerated individuals with ADA plans. The goal will be for more individuals to have accessible housing and supports after release.

Housing Data Goal 2: More people with disabilities will have safe, accessible, affordable housing of their choice.

- Lead agencies: Metropolitan Council (MetC), Minnesota Housing, DHS
- Part one of this goal will be to collect data that is not currently tracked. When a baseline is established, the agencies will add a measurable goal to the Olmstead Plan.
- MetC wants to collect data about disabled people's experiences with housing services. This will help MetC identify program strengths, areas for improvement, and ideas to make services better.
- Minnesota Housing and DHS want to measure the share of people with disabilities who have safe, accessible, affordable housing. They also want to measure disabled people's satisfaction with their housing.

Discussion Questions:

- What would make these goals more effective to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities?
- What would make these goals more effective to better integrate Minnesotans with disabilities in community life?
- What's missing from these goals?