

2026 GMNP LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Greater Minnesota Partnership is an advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that state policies and funding foster economic growth across Greater Minnesota.



HOUSING - *Support solutions to Greater Minnesota's housing challenges.*

- Advocate for **\$15 million** in additional funding for the **Workforce Housing Development Program**.
- Support policy changes for the **State Housing Tax Credit** program that make the program easier to use in Greater Minnesota and eliminate or extend the sunset.
- Advocate for **\$15 million** in additional funding and policy changes for the **Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grant Program** in the bonding bill.
- Advance changes to housing **TIF requirements** that make the program more accessible for Greater Minnesota communities.
- Promote additional funding for **Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB)**.
- Collaborate on a common-sense pro-housing development package while maximizing local-control.

CHILD CARE - *Advance solutions to Greater Minnesota's child care crisis.*

- Advocate for **\$10 million** in additional funding for the **Greater Minnesota Child Care Facilities Grant program** in the bonding bill.
- Advance a **tax credit** that supports local child care solutions.
- Support common sense solutions to barriers for child care providers.
- Support efforts to make child care more affordable.

INFRASTRUCTURE - *Support infrastructure necessary for Greater Minnesota economic development.*

- Advocate for **\$20 million** in additional funding for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Program (BDPI) in the bonding bill.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - *Ensure communities have the tools needed to foster economic growth.*

- **Monitor and preserve funding for key economic development programs** including the Minnesota Investment Fund, Job Creation Fund, Minnesota Forward Fund, redevelopment funds, programs that support small businesses and entrepreneurs, the Competitiveness Fund and the Climate Innovation Finance Authority. Additionally, support funding for small business programs including the Emerging Entrepreneur Loan Program, Expanding Opportunity Fund program, PROMISE loan and grant programs, the SBDCs, cannabis small business supports, and the Small Business Assistance Partnership program.

BROADBAND - *Ensure that all Greater Minnesota communities have appropriate broadband.*

- **Monitor** the implementation of **federal BEAD funds** and **key state programs**, including the Low Population Density Grant Program, and any related policy changes.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - *Advance solutions to Greater Minnesota's workforce crisis.*

- **Monitor** program implementation for the **Drive for Five** workforce training program and ensure the program is effective in training and placing workers in high-demand occupations.
- **Monitor** the **Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP)** and the **Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Programs** to ensure appropriate funding and resource deployment.

ECONOMIC VITALITY - *Support innovative opportunities and the elimination of barriers to Greater Minnesota economic growth.*

- Support EMS and rural healthcare solutions
- Support clean energy and the innovation economy
- Support regional planning resources