



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date: July 14, 2026
Prepared By: Mark Perry, City Planner/Zoning Administrator
Item Description: Housing Study Update – Initiative Foundation Grant

The City of Hinckley was awarded grant funding from the Initiative Foundation to update our housing study. The City Council approved the grant application at the April meeting. We applied for grant funding to update the Housing Study last completed in 2018. Although we applied for the maximum grant amount of \$10,000, we were awarded \$5,000. We indicated in our grant application that we would accept partial funding if they were not able to grant the full amount.

The Housing Study provides valuable information on our existing housing stock and demand for additional housing units in the City and surrounding area. This information is important to housing developers and financiers in consideration of investing resources in housing development. The information in our 2018 Housing Study is considered outdated as developers generally rely on information not more than five years old. The study update will consider local demographics, including population ages and incomes, and needs for all types of housing including single-family, multi-family, workforce, and senior.

The Initiative Foundation (IF) awards grants for projects and programs that empower people across Central Minnesota to build a thriving economy, vibrant communities and a lasting culture of generosity. Foundation grants support capacity-building projects for nonprofits, local units of government, schools, and economic and workforce development initiatives. The City has identified housing development as a means to support economic growth.

We have prepared a draft Request For Proposals (RFP), attached, to gather proposals to update our housing information to better position the City to encourage and support investment in housing initiatives. The City Council should consider a motion to accept the \$5,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation to support the housing study update and release the RFP to update the City’s Housing Study.

Council Action: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

Motion to:

Voted in Favor: _____ Voted Against: _____
Approved: _____ **Denied:** _____ **Tabled:** _____ **No Action:** _____