

ANOKA COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ACHRA)
SPECIAL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
and Meeting of the
Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Trustees**

Trustee Mike Gamache, Chair
Trustee Julie Jeppson, Vice-Chair
Trustee Jeff Reinert
Trustee Mandy Meisner

AGENDA

FOR THE APRIL 14, 2023 MEETING

1:30 P.M. or Immediately Following the
Meeting with Congressman Phillips, Whichever is Later

Conference Room #772 - 7th Floor - Government Center

1. Public Comment: Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to 2 minutes. Questions directed to the committee will not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.
2. Consider the motion of Trustee Reinert, seconded by Trustee Meisner, postponed from the April 11, 2023 ACHRA Management Committee meeting to recommend the ACHRA Board of Trustees approve two \$25,000 forgivable grants to the Anoka Technical College for a total amount of \$50,000 to purchase two basic machine trades pieces of equipment. **See attached worksheet.**
3. Other.

***Actions taken by this committee do not bind the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ACHRA) Board. In addition to the trustees appointed to this committee, additional trustees may attend. Non-committee trustees may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will **not** vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the ACHRA, this shall serve as notice of an ACHRA Board meeting.*



ANOKA COUNTY HRA ACTION ITEM

April 6, 2023

HRA

ACTION REQUESTED	Consider recommending approval of two \$25,000 forgivable grants to the Anoka Technical College for a total amount of \$50,000.
BACKGROUND	<p>The Anoka Technical College has requested the ACHRA consider funding for two \$25,000 forgivable grants totaling \$50,000. Funds would be used to purchase two basic machining trades pieces of equipment.</p> <p>The first \$25,000 forgivable loan would be used to purchase a Mazak Mill. This is a basic piece of equipment that is used by many Anoka County manufacturing companies. ATC has already secured \$54,000 in funding for this machine. It is expected at the upcoming Connect the Dots fundraiser the remaining balance of \$16,000 will be raised allowing the Mazak Mill to be fully funded.</p> <p>The second \$25,000 forgivable loan would be used to leverage donor gifts to purchase a Mazak Quick Turn Lathe. This is also a piece of equipment that all machining students will need to know how to operate if they stay in the machine trades field. The total cost of this machine is \$134,000.</p> <p>If approved, the loans will be reduced by \$5,000 for every 50 students trained on the machines. Using this method, students have an opportunity to be trained on the same machines they will use once they move into the job market. Machine shops located in Anoka County benefit by having students leave school with the knowledge needed to start the job without extensive training on machines on the work floor.</p>
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	
FUNDING SOURCE	Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment administrative funds would be used to fund the loans.