



Aitkin County Housing: Development Incentives

Aitkin County is committed to increasing housing development across the region. To support builders and developers, we are offering soft cost incentives that reduce upfront financial barriers and make projects more feasible — especially in rural and workforce housing markets.

Whether you're building single-family homes, town homes, or workforce rental units, our funding is designed to work with your project needs.

1. Permit and Plan Review Fees

- Cover or waive building permit fees, zoning review fees, and site plan review costs.

2. Architectural and Engineering Services

- Offer grants or reimbursements for architecture, civil engineering, structural engineering, etc.

3. Surveying and Soil Testing

- Pay for site surveys, geotechnical testing, and environmental reviews.

4. Utility Connection Fees

- Offset costs of water/sewer hookup fees, electrical infrastructure, or natural gas connection.

5. Legal and Title Fees

- Cover part of title search, title insurance, legal review of land transfers or easements.

6. Financing/Loan Origination Costs

- Help with appraisal fees, lender fees, and interest rate buydowns during construction.



Eligible Soft Cost Incentives

You may qualify for full or partial funding for the following:

- **Permit & Plan Review Fees**
Building permits, zoning applications, and plan reviews.
- **Architectural & Engineering Services**
Conceptual designs, stamped construction drawings, civil/site engineering.
- **Surveying & Soil Testing**
Land surveys, geotechnical assessments, and environmental reviews.
- **Utility Connection Fees**
Water, sewer, electric, and natural gas hookup costs.
- **Title & Legal Costs**
Title search, title insurance, legal services related to land or development.
- **Financing-Related Soft Costs**
Appraisals, loan origination, and construction loan interest assistance.

Flexible & Developer-Friendly

- **No “one-size-fits-all” approach** — apply for the supports that best fit your project.
- **Pair with other public or private financing tools** — our goal is to help close the gap.
- **Quick turnaround**

If you’re considering a housing project in Aitkin County, reach out today to discuss how we can support your vision.

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