

Increased treatment capacity; therapeutic activity space for children; facility repairs; and energy and security upgrades

Issues:

- DHS serves about 12,000 people each year through an array of residential and inpatient treatment programs for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency and co-occurring conditions in its Direct Care and Treatment facilities.
- More than 150 direct care facilities statewide operate 24/7 and must provide a safe and therapeutic treatment environment for patients and clients. Several facilities require upgraded security and monitoring systems to ensure patient and staff safety.
- These direct care facilities are highly regulated and must be kept in sound repair in order to comply with state and federal requirements for patient care. Many facilities are in need of urgent structural repairs.
- To comply with a backlog of court orders transferring civilly committed sex offenders into a less restrictive treatment setting, the Minnesota Sex Offender Program needs 50 more beds on its St. Peter campus.
- A new DHS psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents will open in the summer of 2020. However, the new facility does not have adequate therapeutic recreational space for patients.
- Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center, the state's largest psychiatric hospital, consumes a substantial amount of electricity at peak prices and would benefit from renewable energy systems and upgrades.

Proposal:

The Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan recommends a total of \$52.338 million in funding for the following Direct Care and Treatment projects:

- Approximately \$18.3 million to renovate existing space on the Minnesota Sex Offender Program's campus in St. Peter. The funding will allow MSOP to add 50 new treatment beds in Community Preparation Services to comply with court-ordered transfers to a less restrictive setting.
- \$16 million for urgently needed repairs at state-operated residential and treatment facilities to ensure they are functional, safe and in good repair.
- \$6.6 million to renovate the north wing of the Miller Building on the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center campus. The vacant space will be used to provide inpatient chemical dependency treatment.
- \$5 million for new and upgraded security and monitoring systems at psychiatric hospitals and other treatment facilities operated by DHS.

- \$3.5 million from the general fund for renewable energy systems and energy upgrades at Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center.
- \$1.75 million to design and construct a 4,100 square foot therapeutic recreational space at the new Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services hospital in Willmar.
- \$1.2 million to eliminate the power plant on the campus in Cambridge and switch to municipal power, paving the way to better utilize the campus.

Benefits

- MSOP will be able to comply with court-ordered transfers of clients to CPS.
- Treatment facilities that care for some of the state's most vulnerable citizens will receive urgently needed repairs, improve energy efficiency and maintain patient, staff and public safety.
- Children admitted to the new psychiatric hospital in Willmar will have adequate recreational space.
- The C.A.R.E. program in Anoka will have more suitable and therapeutic space for its inpatient chemical dependency program.
- Children will have improved access to quality care.

Fiscal impact:

- All DHS bonding requests, FY 2021: \$62.338 million.

Related information:

- Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan on the Minnesota Management and Budget website: <https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/current/>
- Direct Care and Treatment Programs and Services webpage: <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/services/direct-care-treatment/programs-services/>

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