

Renewable energy upgrades will improve efficiency, cut costs and reduce emissions at Anoka psychiatric hospital

Issues:

- The Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center, the state's largest psychiatric hospital, is a 24/7 operation that requires a substantial amount of electric power.
- The facility pays a peak demand premium charge for electricity. The annual electric costs alone at AMRTC exceed \$325,000.

Proposal:

- The Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan recommends funding to design and install renewable energy systems and upgrades at AMRTC.

Benefits

- The installation of renewable energy systems and other energy upgrades will eliminate peak demand premium charges.
- Energy savings will repay the investment in a little more than a decade.
- The investment will reduce the facility's carbon footprint as federal, state and local governments respond to environmental concerns and take steps to address climate change.

Fiscal impact:

- AMRTC Energy Upgrades, FY 2021: \$3.5 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/>
- Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center webpage: <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/services/direct-care-treatment/programs-services/anoka-metro-regional-treatment-center/anoka-metro-regional-treatment.jsp>