

## Upgrades will improve safety and result in more effective substance abuse treatment on campus in Anoka

### Issues:

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- The Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise (C.A.R.E.) program is an inpatient substance abuse treatment program located on the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) campus.
- One of five C.A.R.E. locations statewide, the program provides treatment for 100 patients each year at AMRTC.
- The program currently occupies the crowded south wing of the Miller Building, an outdated, 1950s-era structure that is connected by secure link to AMRTC's main complex.
- C.A.R.E. patients must share small double-occupancy rooms, which exacerbates tensions and conflicts between patients; leads to increased incidents of patient-on-patient and patient-on-staff aggression; erodes the therapeutic atmosphere in the facility; and greatly undermines the effectiveness of treatment and patient progress.
- Prior roof, HVAC, and asbestos abatement projects at AMRTC that were approved by the Legislature in 2018 cannot be completed by their required deadlines without moving C.A.R.E. to a different area of the Miller Building.

### Proposal:

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- The Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan recommends funding to design, renovate, furnish and equip the north wing of the Miller building to provide substance-abuse treatment to patients in the C.A.R.E. program.
- This is the first phase of a three-phase plan to remodel the entire Miller Building.

### Benefits

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- The renovation allows for permanent safety improvements and more effective substance abuse treatment without disrupting program operations.

### Fiscal impact:

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- AMRTC Miller Building Phase I remodeling, FY 2021: \$6.6 million

## Related information:

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- 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>
- Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise Program webpage:  
<https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/services/direct-care-treatment/programs-services/community-addiction-recovery-enterprise/community-addiction-recovery-enterprise.jsp>

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