

Improve treatment space in Minnesota's direct care facilities with urgent repairs, upgrades and better security

Issues

- The Department of Human Services serves about 12,000 people each year through its specialized behavioral health care system, known as Direct Care and Treatment. DCT provides an array of residential and inpatient treatment programs for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders and co-occurring conditions.
- DCT operates about 200 facilities statewide. From group homes to psychiatric hospitals and large inpatient programs, these 24/7 facilities must provide a safe and therapeutic treatment environment.
- DCT 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 need urgent structural repairs.
- Several facilities require upgraded security and monitoring systems to ensure patient and staff safety.
- Facilities on campuses in Anoka, St. Peter and Moose Lake consume a substantial amount of electricity, often at peak prices, and would benefit from renewable energy systems and upgrades.

Proposals

Governor Walz's Local Jobs and Projects Plan includes a total of \$45.8 million for the following DCT projects:

- \$13.45 million to renovate the north and south wings of the Miller Building at the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center. The space will provide inpatient treatment for clients with substance use disorders.
- \$10.4 million to upgrade and replace water, sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure on the St. Peter campus, where the current systems have exceeded their useful life.
- \$8.6 million for renewable energy systems and energy upgrades at campuses in Anoka, St. Peter and Moose Lake.
- \$7.4 million for urgently needed repairs at state-operated residential and treatment facilities to ensure that they are functional, safe and in good repair.
- \$5.48 million for new and upgraded security and monitoring systems at psychiatric hospitals and other state-operated treatment facilities.
- \$475,000 to demolish a vacant building in poor condition on the St. Peter campus.

Benefits

- Treatment facilities that care for some of Minnesota’s most vulnerable citizens will receive urgently needed repairs and improvements to critical infrastructure.
- Improvements in energy efficiency will lower costs on DCT’s three largest, most energy-intensive campuses.
- Security upgrades will allow facilities to maintain and improve safety and security for patients, staff and the public.
- The inpatient substance use disorder treatment program on the Anoka campus will have more suitable therapeutic space for clients working toward sobriety and long-term recovery from addictions.

Fiscal impact

For Fiscal Year 2023:

- \$31.25 million in General Obligation bonds
- \$14.55 million from the General Fund

Related information

- [Summary of Governor’s 2022 Capital Budget Recommendations](#)
- [Direct Care and Treatment Programs and Services webpage](#)

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