

Dakota County 2023 Crisis and Recovery Center



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The Dakota County Crisis and Recovery Center will provide safe space for people to work on their mental health stability and recovery with the support of Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) and Residential Crisis Stabilization (RCS) services.

During short-term stays of up to 90 days, people learn about their mental illness and get help to transition back home. The residential services program, operated by nonprofit service provider Guild, is staffed with mental health professionals, registered nurses, peer support specialists, therapeutic recreation specialists and a program manager.

Guild operates a program at three old houses in South St. Paul. The buildings are not suitable for long-term use due to building condition, repair costs and a lack of accessibility. The buildings also don't reflect the county's commitment to destigmatizing mental illness.

Dakota County and Guild propose a new Crisis and Recovery Center in West St. Paul that will provide 16 bedrooms with bathrooms for privacy and safety. The center will also include a place to go for assessment, support and connection to resources. The 15,000-square-foot, two-story center will accommodate people with physical disabilities, which is a limitation of the current buildings.



Dakota County and Guild propose a Crisis and Recovery Center in West St. Paul that will provide 16 bedrooms for short-term stays for people to learn about their mental illness and get help to transition back home.

Dakota County-owned land in West St. Paul, adjacent to the Northern Service Center, has been re-zoned for this project. The location is accessible by foot, bicycle, vehicle or transit. Without the new center, there is a high likelihood of losing the existing program, which serves people in Dakota County and the southeast metro area.

State request: \$10 million

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

State (DHS) bonding	\$3.5 million
State funding	\$10 million
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Estimated project cost	\$13.5 million

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