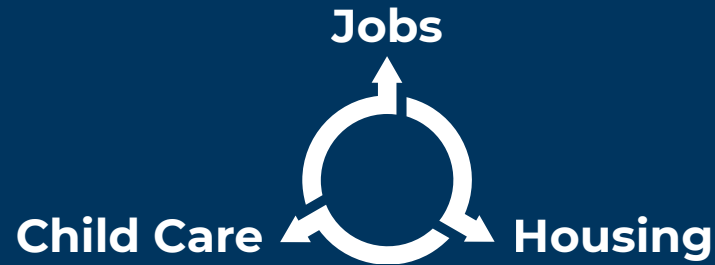




# Momentum: Minnesota Made

Hermantown continues growing as a regional resource



Uniquely positioned to deliver on our biggest challenges

With continued growth in housing and jobs, the time is now for Hermantown and the state to partner on adding child care opportunities. An expansion of the Essentia Wellness Center adds 15,000+ square feet of dedicated child care space; a much-needed and timely regional win.

# Bonding request to expand successful Essentia Wellness Center

There has been great focus on three key pillars of growth in Minnesota: jobs, housing, and child care. Hermantown is set to deliver on all three needs in the coming years, but without state support, it will be a challenge to add a crucial child care opportunity to the region.

Hermantown's housing stock has continued to grow and evolve over the past decade. Job growth has also continued, with multiple possibilities currently in market exploration.

The third leg of that stool – child care – can be make-or-break in that equation. Housing is key, jobs are critical, but the lack of certainty around child care often slows or stops growth opportunities. Hermantown is well-positioned to address our region's child care shortage through the expansion of the Essentia Wellness Center.

Hermantown is looking to the state as a partner in a trajectory-changing project, expected to total as much as \$40 million, to provide greater child care options in our region. While the City will bear the largest share of the project, the benefit of expanding the child care opportunities at the Essentia Wellness Center goes beyond our borders.

Potentially doubling the already-successful child care component of the Essentia Wellness Center comes with exponential regional benefits, as Hermantown will also add much-needed programming and space specific to our region's senior population. In a few short years, the Essentia Wellness Center has become a community hub – especially for families and seniors – and is beyond its originally imagined capacity.

A bold request, but also a strategic and necessary step to maximize growth and support all of northeastern Minnesota.



## Bonding Request

- **\$10 million for child care addition**
- **Doubles child care opportunities**
- **Additional senior/family benefits**
- **Critical for regional growth**
- **Preliminary planning complete**

