Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless



\$70 Million 2026-27

ongoing Investment to the Emergency Services Program

The Emergency Services Program (ESP) is the state's most flexible source of funding that allows organizations and local communities to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. ESP provides funding that supports shelter operations, outreach, motel vouchers and other key resources and services to support families, individuals, and seniors experiencing homelessness. Investing in ESP helps people transition to a permanent home.

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"The shelter has really saved my family. My kids get to school every day and they don't even know this is a shelter. It's just a safe place until we get into our new home."

Minnesotans of Color are approximately

10X more likely to experience homelessness than white Minnesotans.

On any given night 20,000

Minnesotans are experiencing homelessness and up to

50,000

Minnesotans do throughout the year

Unsheltered homelessness increased by

62% between 2015 and 2018

"They can only do six or nine beds out here. My children took up a big portion of the beds. There's just not enough, period."

Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homelessness.

Data provided by the Institute for Community Alliances while utilizing the Point in Time Count, the Wilder Foundation, Housing Inventory Count, & Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

> late and dignified Shelter ihould be an option for everyone

Photo #1 and Photo #4 by: Deb Holman

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at minimum 80 OF 87 COUNTIES

lack enough shelter spaces for individuals and families experiencing homelessness

MCH has identified 86 projects with estimates of \$200 million needs in

funding

These investments would create/preserve space to serve **3468 children,** youth, individuals & families

"We also do not have adequate, safe shelters in our area to meet the needs."

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MORE INFO:



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Investment to expand and preserve shelter spaces

Shelters in Minnesota lack ongoing state funding for capital needs. Funding the preservation and creation of shelter is key to providing safe, welcoming, accessible, and dignified spaces for people experiencing homelessness all across Minnesota. We support investments into Shelter Capital to improve our current shelters and generate new models to meet the need such as those that are culturally responsive, gender affirming, accessible, and are low barrier: shelter is the first step to finding permanent housing for families. individuals and seniors experiencing homelessness.

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