

# Dakota County 2022 Behavioral Health Crisis and Recovery Center



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The Dakota County Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) and Crisis Stabilization Program offers safe space for people to work on mental health stability and recovery. During short-term stays of up to 90 days, people learn about their mental illness and how to manage their needs in the community. The program, operated by Guild, is staffed with mental health professionals, registered nurses, peer support specialists, therapeutic recreation specialists and a house manager.

Guild operates the 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 Behavioral Health Crisis and Recovery Center in West St. Paul that will provide 16 bedrooms with bathrooms for privacy and safety. The center would also include office space, a multi-purpose room, an art room, laundry facilities, admission and exam rooms, two kitchens, a meditation room, a living room, group rooms and other shared spaces.

The 15,000-square-foot, two-story center will accommodate people with physical disabilities, which is a limitation of the current buildings. Locations under consideration are easy to access by foot, bicycle, vehicle or transit.

Without the new center, there is a high likelihood of losing the existing program serving people in Dakota County and the southeast metro area.

**State request: \$1.541 million**

## PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

State (DHS) bonding	\$3.4 million
State funding	\$1.541 million
County ARP funds and other sources	\$1.9 million
Partner contributions	\$750,000
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Estimated project cost	\$7.59 million

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