



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole Agenda

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

1:30 PM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

(or following Physical Development Committee)

Special Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on November 6, 2025

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 *Public Health* - Environmental Health Update

5.2 *Employment and Economic Assistance* Social Services-Housing & Community Resources - Emergency Assistance Programs Update

6. Adjournment

6.1 Adjournment

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5080

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 12/2/2025

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5081

Agenda #: 4.1

Meeting Date: 12/2/2025

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on November 6, 2025



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2025

11:00 AM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Chairperson Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Lucie O'Neill, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; and Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

Commissioner Atkins and Commissioner Halverson, who joined the meeting at 11:45, attended the meeting remotely via interactive technology.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Board Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik.

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Board Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Community Services Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Chairperson Halverson

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on October 14, 2025

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Chairperson Halverson

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On University Of Minnesota Extension Programming In Dakota County

Tammy McCulloch, Regional Director, University of Minnesota Extension, was joined by Dakota County Extension Educators Jessica Beissel and Kristen Pederson to present on this item and stand for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Community Health Improvement Plan (2025) Update

From Public Health, Erin Carder, Deputy Director along with Alex Groten, Supervisor, and Natalie Vasilj, Program Coordinator, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Federal Shutdown Impacts on Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program

Tiffinie Miller-Sammons, Employment and Economic Assistance Deputy Director, and Lia Roberts, Public Health Supervisor, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided to them. Director Fischbach mentioned that there is a link in the electronic version they received to a short video highlighting two individuals on their journey from homelessness to housing.

7. Future Agenda Items

Board Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Community Services Committee of the Whole

meeting. No topics were brought forth.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by
Commissioner William Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4444

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 12/2/2025

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Environmental Health Update

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an overview of the Environmental Health program and updates on recent collaboration and outreach efforts.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. Ch. 145A, including the responsibility to protect against environmental hazards and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents.

Since receiving dedicated levy dollars and leveraging grant funds in 2023, Dakota County Environmental Health (EH) has added personnel and increased its programmatic capacity to better respond to the increasing needs and concerns of Dakota County residents. A key tenet of environmental health is the prevention and control of human injury and illness by identifying and addressing exposures to environmental health hazards. To this end, the EH team is responsible for program areas that include radon, public health nuisances, lead hazard reduction orders, and clandestine drug labs. The team also responds to inquiries from the public and reviews mass assemblage license applications. Past activities and collaborations fuel plans for improvements to, and expansion of, resources and services for Dakota County residents (Attachment: Environmental Health 2024 Annual Report).

OUTCOMES

How much?

Each year, hundreds of County residents directly engage with EH program services, including:

- 1,041 radon test kits distributed to Dakota County residents (2024)
- 119 environmental inquiries addressed (2024)

How well?

The EH team is committed to increased community outreach and education, indicated by the following:

- 25 percent increase in number of radon kits distributed from 2023
- Averaged 1.6 calls to resolve an environmental complaint (among those engaged)

Is anyone better off?

The resources and services provided by the EH program are fundamental to the assessment and prevention of environmental health exposures and contribute to the overall health of Dakota County residents and visitors. The community benefits from a more robust, engaged EH program now able to better support other Public Health programs, collaborate across County divisions, and partner with cities, peer counties, and the state health department in a more strategic fashion.

- 153 County homeowners with knowledge about radon risk and the steps to mitigate it
- 37 percent of radon test results received by the EH team that were at or above the EPA's recommended action level, at which the installation of a radon mitigation system is recommended
- 94 percent of environmental inquiries resolved with information/resources, a completed investigation, or a referral to another agency

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Current budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested | |

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Environmental Health 2024 Annual Report

Attachment: Presentation Slides

BOARD GOALS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thriving People | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Successful Place for Business and Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Public Service |

CONTACTS

Department Head: Gina Pistulka

Author: Liz Robertson

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

PROMOTE HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENTS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COUNTY

Dakota County Public Health's Environmental Health program works to prevent and control diseases, injuries, and disabilities related to the interactions between people and their natural and built environments.

The program's key responsibilities include:

- ▶ Facilitating radon testing and mitigation.
- ▶ Responding to public health nuisances and inquiries.
- ▶ Following up on complaints and conducting investigations.
- ▶ Reviewing mass assemblage licenses.
- ▶ Investigating clandestine drug labs.
- ▶ Issuing and enforcing lead hazard reduction orders.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Distributed 1,041 radon test kits

Free radon test kits are available to Dakota County residents at WSC and NSC service centers. Residents often call with follow up questions related to their results, additional testing, and mitigation options.

Communicated with 118 residents about environmental health concerns

Residents contact Environmental Health through the intake email or phone line. The most common questions were about mold, rodent or insect infestations, and heavy content homes.

New mold and moisture in rental housing document

This 2-page resource (available in English and Spanish) features tips to prevent mold issues, steps renters can take if they see or smell mold, and information on how to clean moldy materials.

New public health nuisance document

This 1-page fact sheet shares examples of public health nuisances as well as information on the County's role in identifying and addressing nuisances.

Connected with cities

Environmental Health met with city staff from Apple Valley, Eagan, West St Paul, and Burnsville to identify areas for ongoing collaboration. Outreach to more cities is planned for 2025.

FEATURED PARTNERSHIP

In 2024, Environmental Health partnered with Dakota County's Environmental Resources Department to promote private well testing through the Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Owners Program. Unlike residents on public water supply, where the supplier is responsible for ensuring drinking water meets federal guidelines, residents on private wells are responsible for testing and treating their own drinking water. The partnership supports assisting private well owners with drinking water testing, interpretation of testing results, and choosing appropriate water treatment.



For some private well owners, the cost of water testing may be a barrier to obtaining safe drinking water. The goal of the program is to provide low- or no-cost testing to ensure equitable access to water testing opportunities.

This includes:

- ▶ Expanding outreach and education efforts to increase private well testing participation rates.
- ▶ Reducing barriers so that all private well owners are able to test their well water at least once for common contaminants found in Dakota County groundwater (nitrate, arsenic, coliform bacteria, manganese, and lead).
- ▶ Providing support to high-risk individuals and communities, and populations experiencing inequities and/or disparities.





Environmental Health Program Update

Gina Pistulka, Public Health Director
Liz Robertson, Environmental Health Supervisor
Katrina DeVore, Environmental Health Program Coordinator
December 2, 2025

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Agenda



- Public Health Responsibilities
- Environmental Health Program History
- Revenue and Expenses
- What is Environmental Health?
- Current Program Responsibilities
- New Program Responsibilities
- Cross-Division Partnership
- Community Outreach Events
- Future Efforts

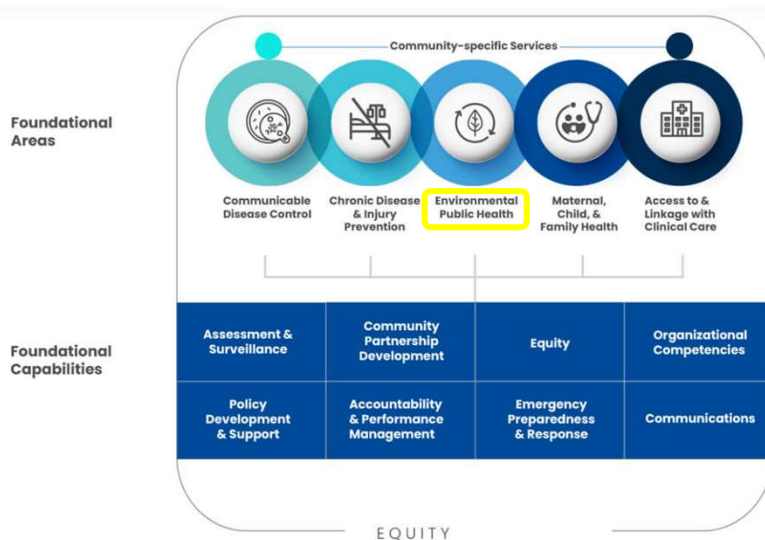
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Public Health Responsibilities



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Foundational Public Health Responsibilities



Source: Public Health Accreditation Board, February 2022, www.phaboard.org

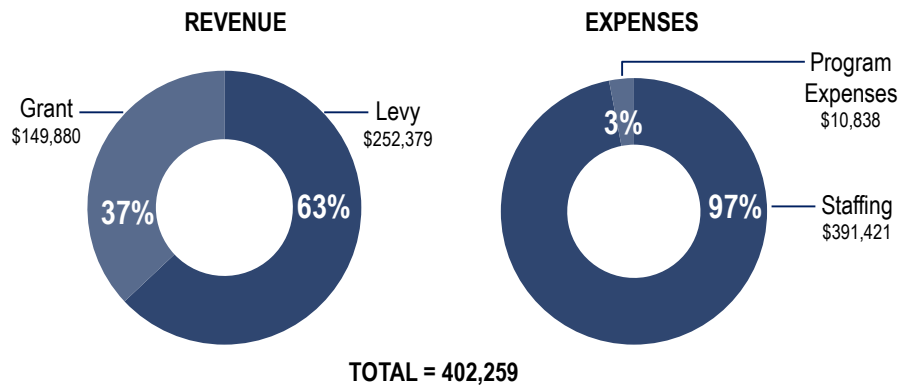
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Program History



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Revenue and Expenses



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What is Environmental Health?



Environmental Health works to prevent
and reduce exposures to environmental hazards



Air



Homes



Water



Chemicals &
Hazards



Recreation



Weather &
Climate



Communities



Licenses &
Certificates



Food, Pools
& Lodging



Radiation

★ No current DC EH work in these areas

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Current Program Responsibilities



Public Health
Nuisance

Radon

Lead Hazard
Reduction
Orders

Public Inquiries
and Complaints

Mass
Assemblage
License Reviews

Clandestine
Drug Labs

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Public Health Nuisance



Minnesota Statute

Sections 145A.02 & 145A.04

Essential partnerships

City code enforcement

County adult protection

EH conducts site visits

Order issued if property meets criteria



PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE

FACT SHEET

A public health nuisance can be any of three things:

- Can make people sick,
- Can cause an infestation of insects or rodents, or
- Can pose a health threat or injury to others who may enter the home or building.

What is the role of public health departments?

Minnesota Statute 145A defines a "public health nuisance" as any activity or failure to act that adversely affects the public health. Minnesota Statute 145A gives the local board of health or its agent the authority to remove or decrease the threat within a certain time.

What are examples of public health nuisances?

Public health nuisances can be:

- Piles of trash or solid waste
- Human or animal feces
- Rotting food
- Rodent or insect infestation
- Lack of water or sewage disposal
- Limited or blocked pathways to windows and doors
- Number or type of animals that might be dangerous to people

It is important to acknowledge that a "messy" or "cluttered" work or living area is not always a public health nuisance.

How does a public health department find out that a nuisance exists?

Public health nuisance reports and referrals can come from anyone who suspects one exists. Reports may be made by property owners, tenants, neighbors, family, concerned citizens, EMS responders, or law enforcement.

All nuisance reports will be investigated. The type of investigation will be determined by the public health department and may include a variety of agencies, such as community social services, law enforcement, or the humane society.

How will a public health nuisance be addressed?

If declared a public health nuisance, the owner is given 10 days to remove, fix, or decrease the issue and have a re-inspection scheduled. If the owner declines to address the public health nuisance, the public health department has authority to do it on their own. The health department can make the property owner pay for the work needed to fix the nuisance.

REPORT A NUISANCE

To report a nuisance call (952) 891-7500 or email EnvironmentalHealth@co.dakota.mn.us

Dakota County
Public Health Department

601.554.6100
publichealth@co.dakota.mn.us

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Collaboration



PH Environmental Health
Social Services Adult Protection
Crisis Response Unit



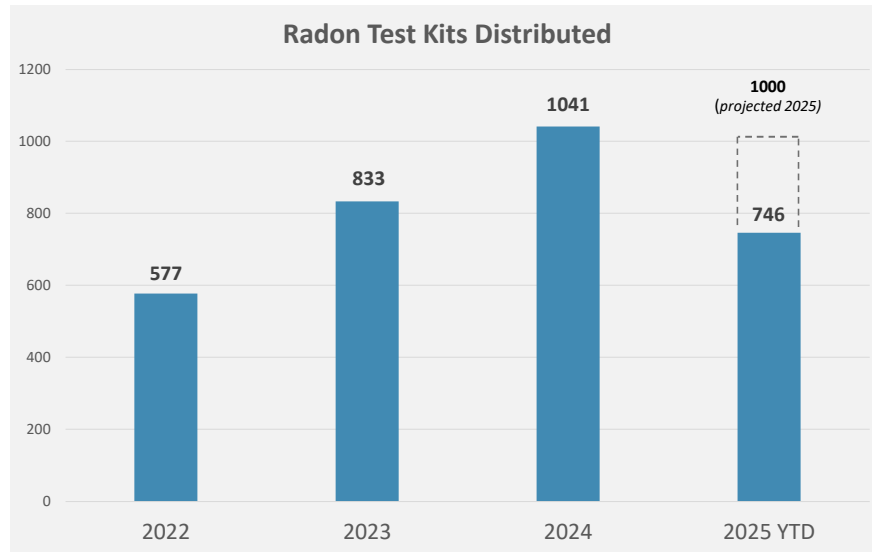
Contracted Case Worker
Mental Health Case Worker



CDA Housing Services
Apartment Owner

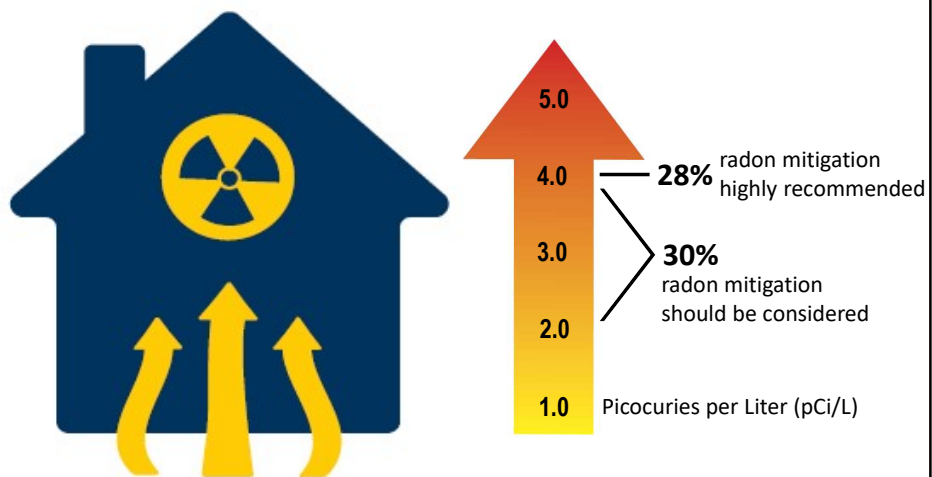
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Radon



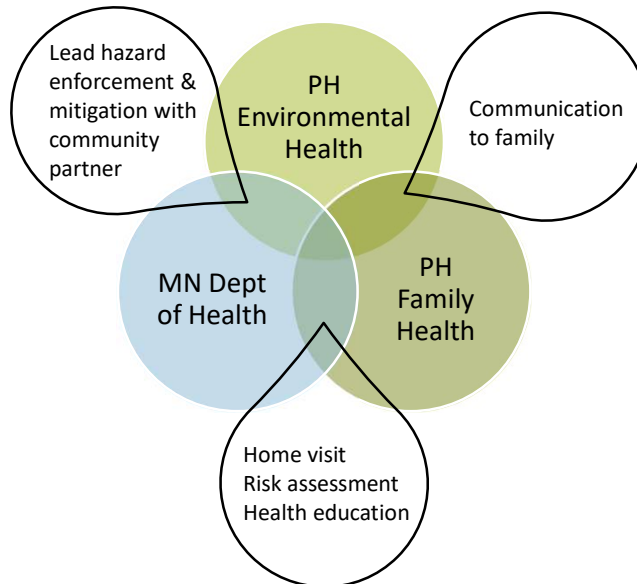
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Radon Testing Results 2024



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Lead Hazard Reduction Orders



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Other Responsibilities



Public Inquires and Complaints

118 calls resolved in 2024



Mass Assemblage License Reviews

4 reviews in 2024, 6 in 2025



Clandestine Drug Lab Clean-up Enforcement

Authority under Public Health Nuisance statute

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New Program Responsibilities



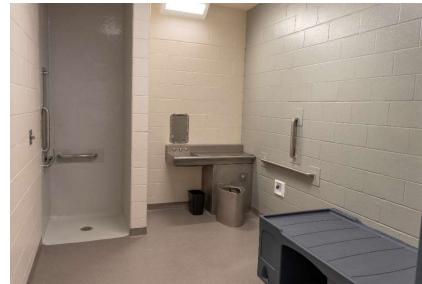
Beach Advisories/Closures

- Work with Parks & Environmental Resources Departments
- Lake Byllesby and Schulze Lake water quality monitored



Municipal Jail Inspections

- Requirement from Dept of Corrections
- 6 municipal jails to inspect annually



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Cross-Division Partnership



Environmental Resources
Technical expertise
Data collection & analysis
Regulation

Environmental Health
Risk communication
Health education
Promotion & outreach



TEST YOUR PRIVATE WELL FOR FREE

Dakota County is giving FREE WATER TESTS to private well users. The tests will measure nitrate, arsenic, manganese, lead, and coliform bacteria. You will receive sample bottles in the mail with additional instructions.

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends well users test their well water every year.

The free test kit will include pre-paid postage to send back water samples. You will receive the test results in the mail. Dakota County will also provide water treatment recommendations.



For questions, contact Matthew Belanger at 952-891-7132 or matthew.belanger@co.dakota.mn.us

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Community Outreach



soilSHOP

- Partnered with MN Department of Health and City of Eagan
- 26 soil samples screened for lead, results in minutes



Gopher Resource Response

- Public meeting planning and participation
- Wescott Library soil drop-box



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Community Outreach



Mobile Blood Lead Clinic

- Partnered with East Side Neighborhood Development Company
- 28 individuals screened, 2 in-home assessments



Children's Health Month

- Tables at WSC, NSC, ADC
- EH topics: water, climate, lead, radon



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Future Efforts



Radon
Results
Follow-up



Swim
Healthy
Events



Water Testing
at the Dakota
County Fair



Emerging
Contaminants
Workgroup



Climate and
Health

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Questions?

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Thank you!



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4716

Agenda #: 5.2

Meeting Date: 12/2/2025

DEPARTMENT: Employment and Economic Assistance

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Emergency Assistance Programs Update

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on Dakota County emergency rental assistance programs.

SUMMARY

Dakota County is home to 44,572 renter households (25% of total households in the county). Of these households, over half are cost burdened or severely cost burdened. Renter households who are cost burdened may not be able to withstand an emergency that disrupts income, such as illness, job loss, loss of childcare, etc. To ensure that people who face a rental emergency do not lose their housing, Dakota County has several emergency rental assistance programs: Emergency Assistance (EA), Emergency General Assistance (EGA), Emergency Cash Assistance (ECA), Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) and Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) (See Attachment: Emergency Assistance Funding).

This presentation will provide an overview of the Dakota County emergency rental assistance system, outcomes and opportunities to ensure these resources are working together to serve Dakota County residents.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Emergency Assistance Funding

Attachment: Presentation Slides

BOARD GOALS

- ☐ Thriving People ☐ A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources
☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs ☒ Excellence in Public Service

CONTACTS

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Author: Tiffinie Miller-Sammons

Dakota County Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

Program	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget (projected)	Department	Funding Source	Population Served
Emergency Assistance (EA)	\$1,360,000	\$1,396,255	\$1,396,255	E&EA	Federal & State Consolidated Funds	Families with Minor Children
Emergency General Assistance (EGA)*	\$262,459	\$261,981	\$282,121	E&EA	State	Single individuals or couples without children
Emergency Cash Assistance (ECA)	\$128,617	\$124,387	\$0	E&EA	Levy	Singles and families
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)	\$1,283,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	Social Services	State	Singles, families and young adults
Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)**	\$3,007,328	\$1,425,439	\$872,500	Social Services	State	Singles and families
TOTAL	\$6,041,404	\$4,308,062	\$3,650,876			

*fiscal year

**grant amount annualized



Emergency Assistance Programs

December 2, 2025

Tiffinie Miller-Sammons, Deputy Director, Employment and Economic Assistance

Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, Social Services

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Agenda



- ❖ Community need data
- ❖ Emergency assistance system overview
 - ❖ Types of funding
 - ❖ Eligibility Policy
 - ❖ Data
- ❖ Lessons learned and system critiques
- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance Options

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Dakota County Rental Units by Price



Source: American Community Survey

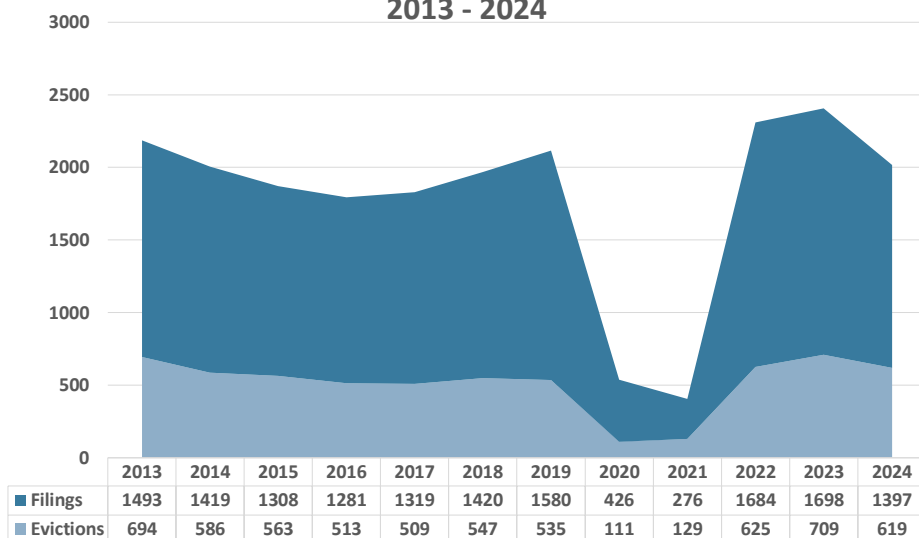
Renters Cost Burdened

- 44,457 Renter Households
- 43% Renters Housing Cost Burdened
- Median Rent \$1,585 in 2023
- Only 44% of rental units under \$1,500
- Greatest increase in units \$1,500-\$1,999; Greatest decrease in units \$500-\$999

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Dakota County Filings and Evictions

2013 - 2024



Source: [Hennepin County Power BI](#)

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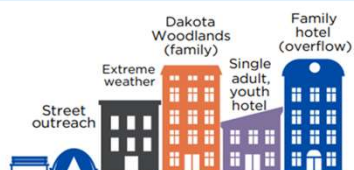
Dakota County Housing Plan



Prevention ← Emergency shelter → Housing stability



- **Emergency Rental Assistance**
- **Prevention Services**
- Housing Clinic at Eviction Court
- On-site Apartment Services



- Shelter beds and operation
- Shelter diversion
- Outreach to homeless populations



- Rental assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing Services
- New affordable housing
- Preserved affordable housing
- Home improvement loans
- Home ownership

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Prevention Services vs Shelter Costs (Example)



	Prevention Services	Shelter
Prevention Payment	\$4,000 (max ERA payment)	\$0
Shelter Payment	\$0	\$25,560 (\$213/day for 120 days)
Staffing Costs	\$905 (case management for 60 days)	\$1,810 (case management for 120 days)
First Month's Rent/Deposit	\$0	\$3,170 (average rent of \$1585*2)
TOTAL	\$4,905	\$30,540

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Funding Overview



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Emergency Assistance Programs 2020 - 2025



*Does not include RentHelpMN funding available to Dakota County residents 2021-2024

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EA / EGA Overview and Eligibility

- ❖ EA for Families and EGA for adults without kids
- ❖ Most applications received from MNBenefits, and all are processed in MAXIS
- ❖ **Eligible once in 12 months**
- ❖ **Household income below 200% FPG**
- ❖ Emergencies; shelter, utilities, home repairs, medical/safety or moving expense
- ❖ Issuance must resolve emergency
- ❖ $\geq 50\%$ of net income/assets used on basic needs in past 60 days
- ❖ Contribute available income/assets to the emergency
- ❖ Last 4 years EGA funds depleted 3-4 months prior to end of year
- ❖ Maximum issuance; EA/EGA (HH 2) \$3,525 EA (HH 4) \$5,358
Utilities \$1,800 or 200% FPG for the house size or whichever is less
- ❖ Average issuance; EA \$1,862 EGA \$1,611

*ECA maximum issuance \$750 in 12 months for smaller and broader types of emergencies.
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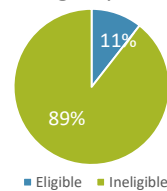


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EA/EGA Application Volume & Ineligibility rates

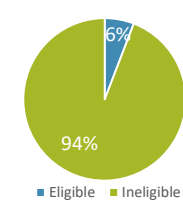
EA calendar year 2024 (based on Application Date)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Eligible	29	18	22	24	30	32	57	43	63	26	26	17	387
Ineligible	281	241	246	313	330	324	400	321	293	260	152	104	3265

Emergency Assistance



EGA State fiscal year 2024 (based on Application Date)													
	2023						2024						TOTAL
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Eligible	26	21	10	17	14	22	18	10	8	16	14	10	186
Ineligible	269	292	238	244	269	256	298	267	210	211	205	216	2975

Emergency General Assistance



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Emergency Program Payments by Category



Categories	Programs		
	ECA	EA	EGA
Housing	48%	88%	94%
Utilities	15%	10%	5%
Transportation & Moving	18%	3%	1%
Miscellaneous	7%		
Medical	4%		
Home Repair	3%		
Child Care & Diapers	2%		
Food	2%		
Employment	1%		



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EA / EGA Approved Applicant Demographics



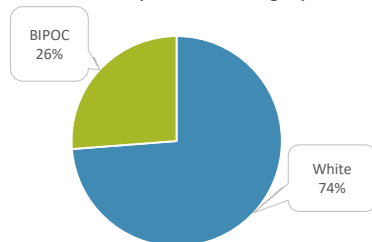
Household Types in 2024

673 Households

- 492 families with children (73%)
- 181 adults only households (27%)

1,615 people served – 54% children

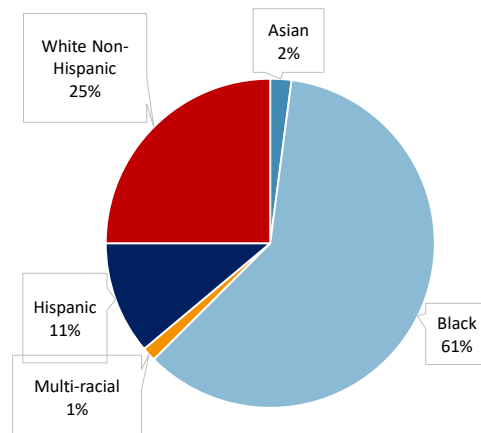
Dakota County Race Demographics



Race of Applicant (1 month, 2025)

25% White households

75% BIPOC Households



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Emergency Rental Assistance - AHA



- ❖ Must be housed and at imminent risk of eviction (majority have eviction summons)
- ❖ No other ability to resolve
- ❖ Ability to maintain housing after resolution. Emergency created by a temporary income loss, medical challenges, etc. as funding is short term and limited to up to \$4,000* a household.
- ❖ Household income below 80% AMI
- ❖ Not open to another county for financial or social services
- ❖ Majority of referrals are received from Housing Clinic and Housing Resource Line (651) 554-5751
- ❖ Funding available for 23 households/month or 5/week

*Per household limit in 2025 to stretch funding. Previously \$6000/household.

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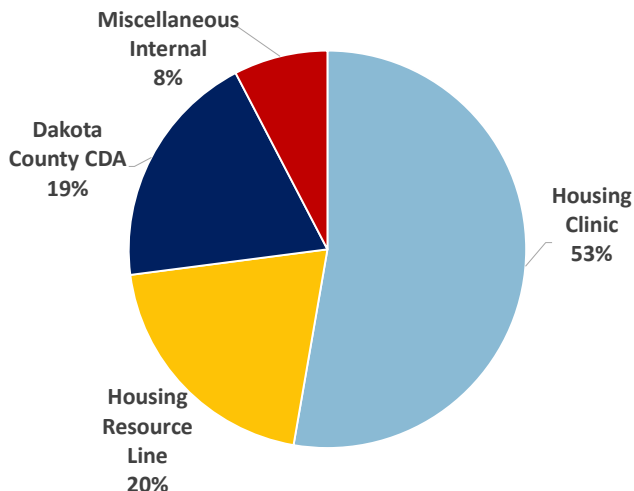
Prevention Referrals in 2024



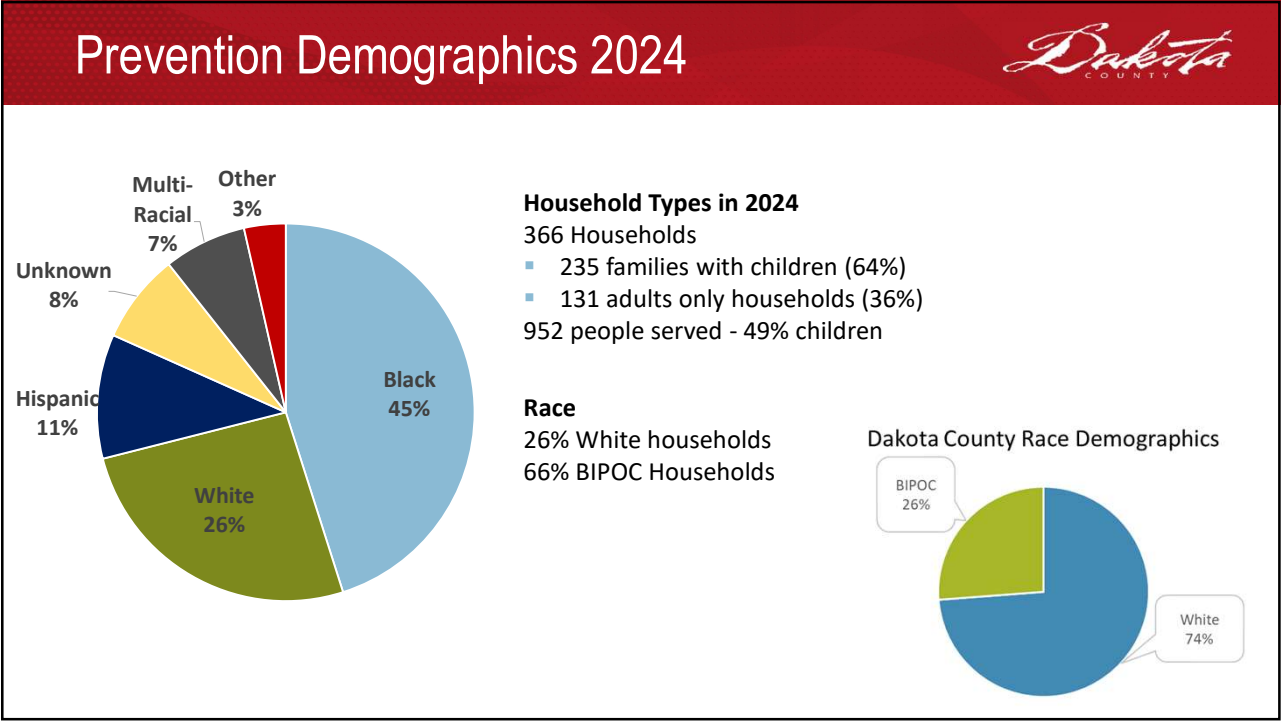
366 Households Served

Referrals primarily through:

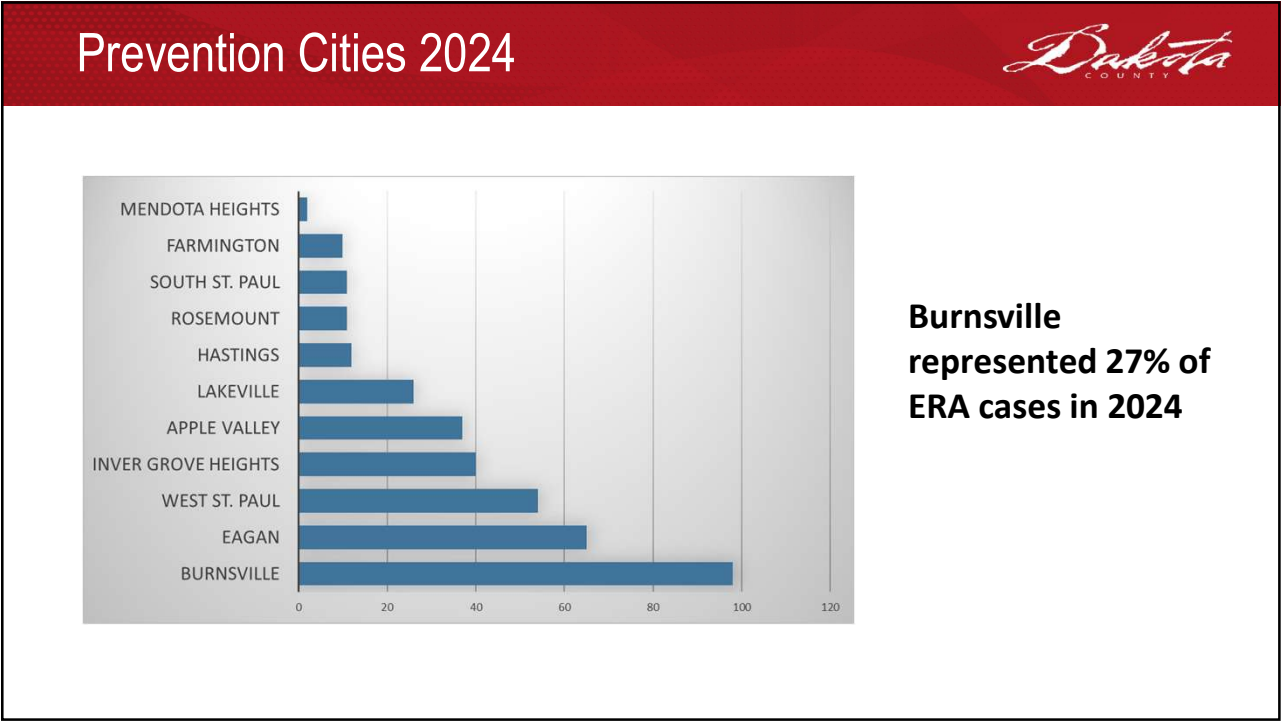
- Dakota Housing Resource Line (651) 554-5751
- Housing Clinic at Eviction Court
- CDA (through July 2024)
- Crisis Social Workers



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2024 ERA – AHA/Prevention Team Accomplishments



- ❖ 366 households served with Prevention Services in 2024
 - 91% of evictions prevented (333 households)
- ❖ 242 assisted with ERA
 - ❖ \$1,025,592 assistance paid to prevent eviction for households
 - ❖ Average of \$4,238 per household in 2024
- ❖ Households also assisted with RentHelpMN apps through partnership with Community Mediation of MN referrals
- ❖ Households assisted with case management services and referrals to improve long-term stability

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Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program (FHPAP)


FHPAP serves families, singles and youth

- ❖ Funded by MN Housing grant
- ❖ Contracted through 360 Communities, CAP Agency, and YMCA (youth 18-24)
- ❖ \$872,500 available for 2026
- ❖ Eligibility:
 - Imminent risk of homelessness
 - Household income at or below 200% FPG
 - Average \$4000/household
- ❖ Referrals:
 - CAP: self referral to agency – serve 3.3 households/month
 - 360: Housing Clinic – serve 5.6 households/month (more referred to Prevention Team)
 - YMCA: self referral to agency – serve 1 household/month



360 Communities

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Awesome, I couldn't have gotten this far without ALL your HELP. This is all so much for me to handle alone.. without your help, I probably would've given out and been homeless or would have probably ended everything. So I truly thank you with all my life

Idk if you're religious or not but I thank God for putting u in my path. And for your selflessness. May the lord bless you

I got it!!!! Thank you SO much, Alicia! You're a Godsend!

Omg thank u so much for all ur help a appreciate u so much

I think u got it covered bro thank you I have the email with the resources and now I have this message with the auto shop dude you've been a blessing. I've already been able to start saving money and setting a budget apart for furniture. If I could hug u I would 😊


I appreciate your help so much, you have no clue. If you have An address I can send you a card to please let me know!

Thank you for your unfailing support over the past couple months. I really appreciate the help and guidance that you've given me with rental help and I am grateful for the many resources that you've provided me.

thank goodness im so relieved and can start over now thank u so much for all of your work


You are amazing! We can't thank you enough.

😊 thank you 🙏



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Program Interaction



- ❖ Average issuance total for each program (2024)
 - Average issuance; EA \$1,862 EGA \$1,611 ERA \$4,238 FHPAP \$3084
- ❖ Why would someone need multiple programs
 - EA used for Dakota Woodlands and subsequent need occurs for stable housing
 - Multiple emergencies in one year (each program only allows for 1x/year assistance)
 - Time sensitive so unable to use EA/EGA so LAHA ERA
- ❖ How many households were prevented 2024
 - 573 EA / EGA households resolved their emergency
 - 242 ERA
 - 616 FHPAP
- ❖ How do we interact between programs
 - Partnerships with E&EA Client Relations Specialists
 - Look for EA or EGA eligibility before other housing funds
- ❖ FHPAP allocated by community providers

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Internal Partnerships



EA and EGA Referrals by Internal Partners to E&EA

	2024 # Apps / Approval rate	2025 as of April 28 th
Eviction Court	143 / 63%	65 / 49%
Other	53 / 26%	7 / 14%

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System Critiques



Community Perspective/Stigma

- ❖ Dakota County emergency rental assistance programs help the same household multiple times across various programs.
- ❖ Some households are reliant on emergency programs to pay rent.
- ❖ Some households deserve/don't deserve these funds.


System Limitations


- ❖ Difficult to see if a household has received assistance from other programs.
- ❖ Difficult to make policy decisions without understanding the big picture.

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Emergency Rental Assistance System Options	Pros	Cons
Continue as is with three programs and informal staff-to-staff coordination	Maintains high degree of flexibility to problem-solve complex situations	Lack of cross-program data restricts ability to see county-wide need
	Allows multiple access points in community	Residents need to self navigate to the different assistance options
Operate as one program with one set of policies	Potential for high degree of data visibility	“One size” program restricts flexibility to assist in complex situations
	Possibility for one access point for all clients	Slow down system flexibility
		Need to determine if state funding allows for this level of coordination
Develop a data-driven system with flexibility to help households avoid evictions and connect to services	Potential for high degree of data visibility	Need time to plan
	Possibility for one access point for all clients	Need financial investment to plan and implement
	Maintain some program-by-program autonomy to meet unique needs	
	Potential to better maximize funds	

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THANK YOU

Any Question

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