



Housing Services Update

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Agenda



- ❖ Hotel Shelter 2026
- ❖ Federal Funding Uncertainty

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Dakota County Housing Plan



Prevention



- Eviction court housing clinics
- Flexible prevention services (FPS)
- Emergency rental assistance (ERA)
- Street outreach
- Extreme weather
- Dakota Woodlands (family)
- Single adult, youth hotel
- Family hotel (overflow)

Emergency shelter



- Hotel emergency housing/shelter operation
- Shelter diversion
- Outreach to homeless populations

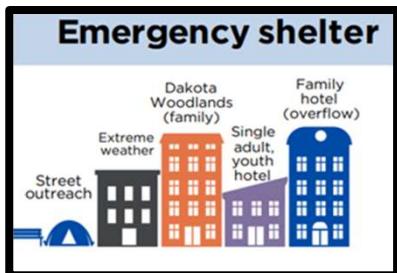
Housing stability



- Rapid rehousing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Housing stability services
- Affordable housing
- Family voucher program
- Rental assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing Services
- Access to affordable units
- New affordable housing
- Preserved affordable housing
- Home improvement loans
- Home ownership

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Hotel Emergency Housing – Single Adults



- Eagan hotel will no longer be an option in early spring 2026
- Staff reviewing alternatives to current location. Options include:
 - One hotel partner in one location
 - Several hotel partners throughout county

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Hotel Emergency Housing – Single Adults Data 2025

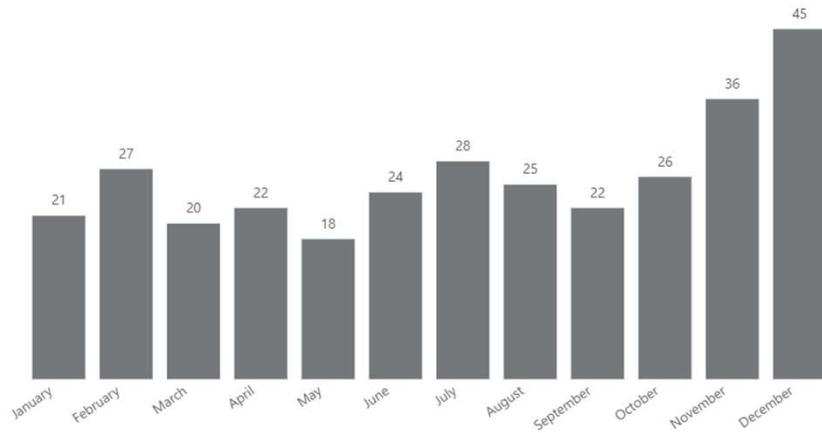
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97
Households Served

100
Individuals Served

41
Successful Exits

68%
Successful Exits



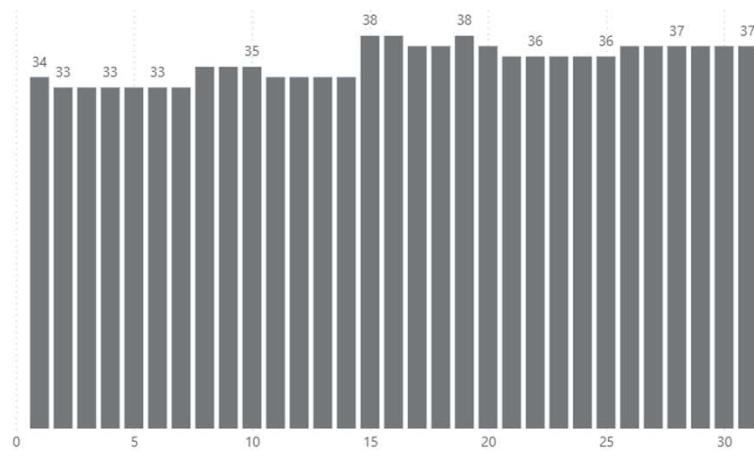
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Hotel Emergency Housing –Daily Census – December 2025

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Successful Exits

63%
Successful Exits



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Hotel Emergency Housing Next Steps



Primary hotel relationship plus 1-2 additional hotel locations

- Contracts with a limited number of partners
- Office space and storage at main site, with smaller footprint at satellites
- Limits concentration in one area
- Allows people to be served near supports and services
- Less disruption if capacity changes at one site

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Hotel Emergency Housing Next Steps (Cont.)



- Social Services, Contracts-Finance, and Physical Development collaborate to identify new hotel sites and contracting options
- Prepare for transition of clients to new site/s
- Build relationships with new site management and community partners
- Case management and housing search services for clients continue, as usual (services follow the person)
- Monthly updates to Board on progress

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Hotel Emergency Housing Model – Continued Risks



- Lack of site control
- Limited site security
- Hotel staff operate site vs trained social services staff
- Likelihood of displacement remains high
- Does not allow the county to provide the highest quality shelter service
- Movement by other metro counties to fixed site models for emergency housing services

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Housing and Urban Development Grant



- Grant of \$831,851 from June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026
- Rapid-Rehousing (RRH)
 - 24 months of rental assistance + case management
- Serves up to 48 households per month
 - Currently keeping census lower due to grant uncertainty

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Housing and Urban Development Grant



- New Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) **limits Permanent Housing to 30% of currently funded grants.**
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is considered Permanent Housing
 - Dakota County will sunset the RRH program and apply for a Transitional Housing Program
 - Transition Housing =
 - 24 months of rental assistance + case management + 40 hours per week of supportive services per client (work, employment search, treatment and recovery services, etc)
 - Current RRH clients cannot transition into new Transitional Housing program

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Housing and Urban Development Grant



Current Impacts

- Lower number of families served due to grant uncertainty – not entering new families into program
- Lower grant spending

Future Impacts

- Need to transition current clients to another program (no current options) or request spending extension on current grant to continue serving current clients
- Award uncertainty – Dakota County may/may not have a housing program for families exiting homelessness in June 2026

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Housing and Urban Development Grant



January-March 2025: Cuts to Federal Programs	October 1-November 12, 2025: Federal Shutdown	December 8, 2025: HUD NOFO Withdrawn	December 23, 2025: Court Ruling re: NOFO	February 2026: RBA for HUD Grant Application
June 2025: New HUD Grant Agreements	November 13, 2025: HUD NOFO Released	December 19, 2025: HUD NOFO Released	January 2026: HUD NOFO Re-Release?	MAY 2026: Dakota County's current grant ends

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