



# Update on Community Need for Rental Assistance in Dakota County

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# Dakota County Housing Plan



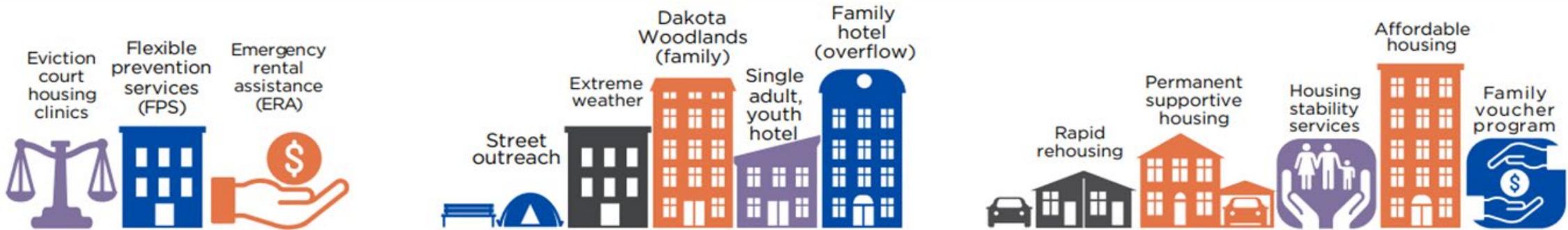
## Prevention



## 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

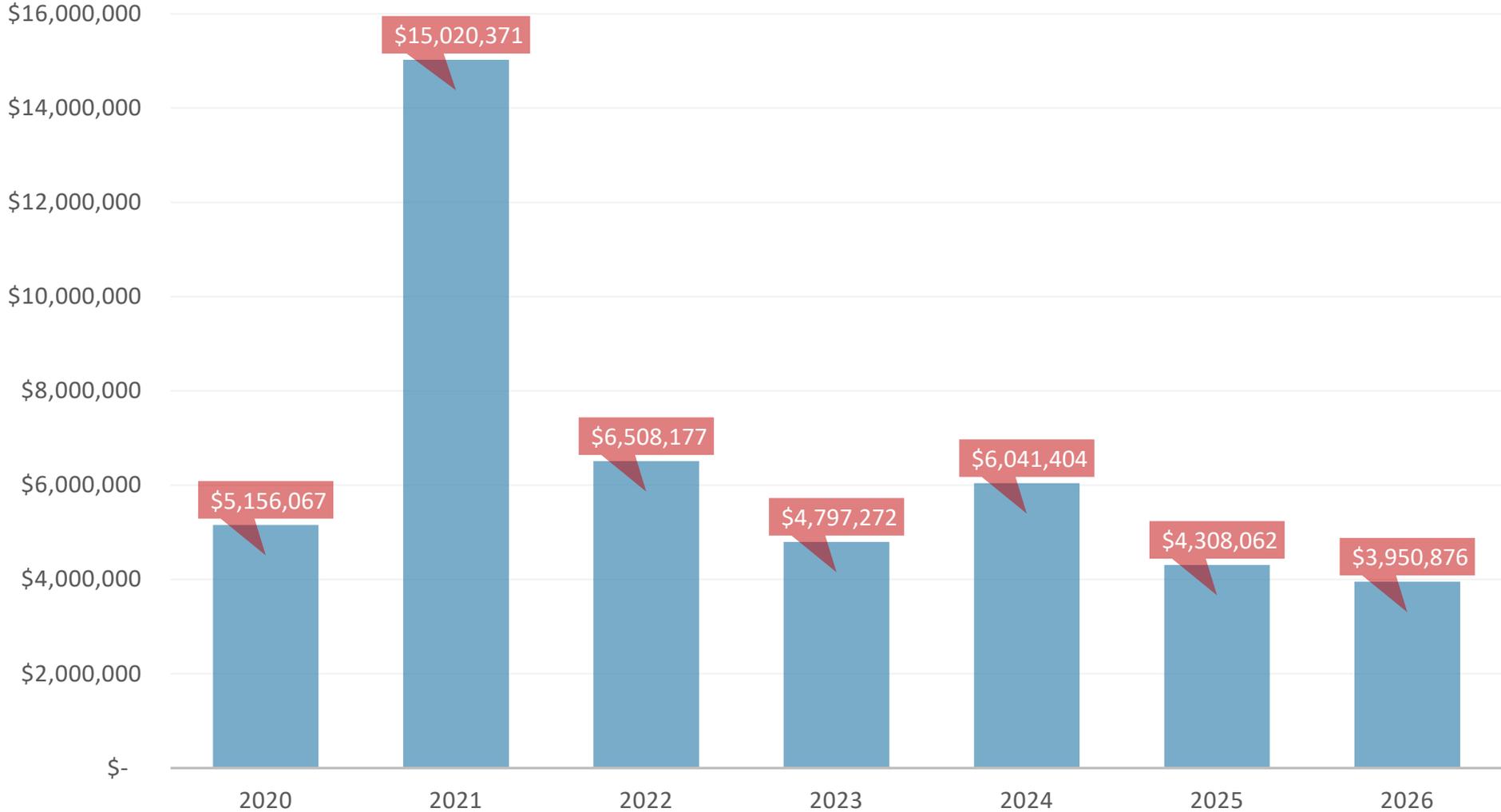
- Rental assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing Services
- New affordable housing
- Preserved affordable housing
- Home improvement loans
- Home ownership

# Funding Overview



Program	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget (projected)	Dept.	Funding	Population Served
<b>Emergency Assistance (EA)</b>	\$1,360,000 Calendar year	\$1,396,255	\$1,396,255	E&EA	Federal & State Consolidated Funds	Families with minor children
<b>Emergency General Assistance (EGA)</b>	\$262,459 State Fiscal Calendar 2024	\$261,981 SFY2025	\$282,121 SFY2026	E&EA	State	Single individuals or couples without children
<b>Emergency Cash Assistance (ECA)</b>	\$128,617	\$124,387	\$0	E&EA	Levy	Singles and families
<b>Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)</b>	\$1,283,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,400,000	SS	State	Singles and families
<b>Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)</b>	\$3,007,328	\$1,425,439	\$872,500	SS	State	Singles, families, young adults

# Emergency Assistance Programs 2020 - 2026

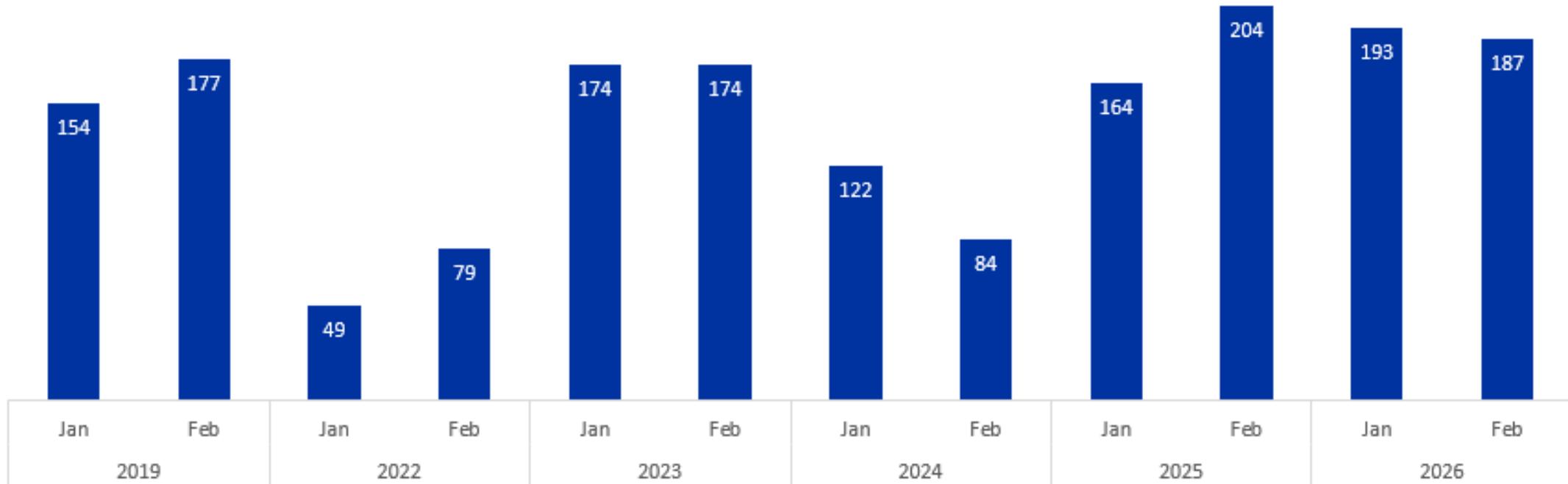


\*Does not include RentHelpMN funding available to Dakota County residents 2021-2024

# Dakota County Eviction Hearing Dates 2015-2026\*



Eviction Hearings



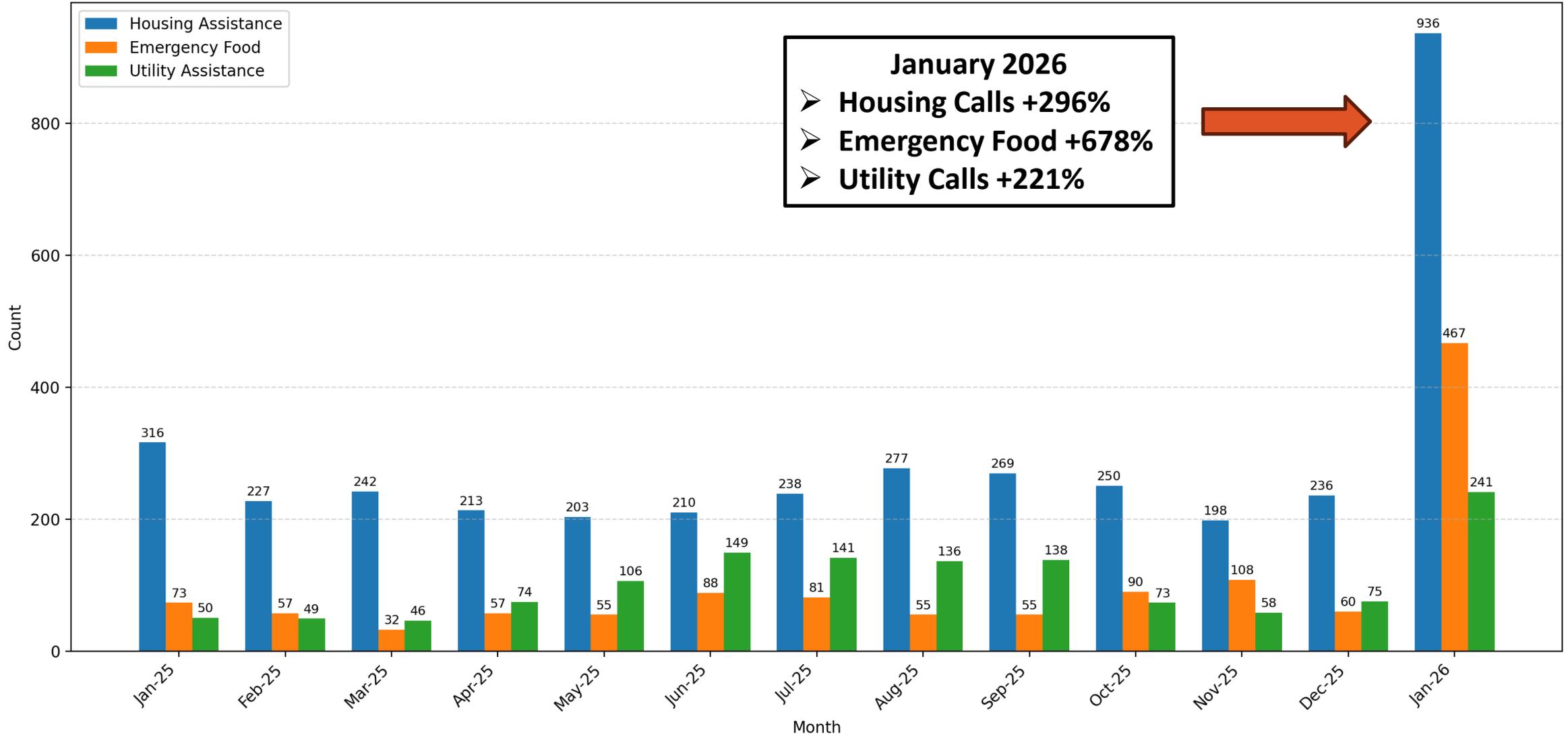
Eviction Hearings Scheduled  
January and February 2025 = 368  
January and February 2026 = 380

\*Evictions filings and eviction hearings will be a lagging indicator of impact, as filings for February unpaid rent would not begin showing until late February at the earliest

# 211 Call Data – Dakota County



211 Calls in Dakota County



# Emergency Assistance/ Emergency General Assistance



## 2025

• January:	64 households	\$153,145
• <u>February:</u>	<u>59 households</u>	<u>\$168,320</u>
• TOTAL:	123 households	\$321,465

## 2026

• January:	53 households	\$136,672
• <u>February:</u>	<u>65 households</u>	<u>\$172,787</u>
• TOTAL:	118 households	\$309,459

# Dakota County Local Affordable Housing Aid Emergency Rental Assistance



## 2025

• January:	24 households	\$81,513
• <u>February:</u>	<u>20 households</u>	<u>\$60,481</u>
• TOTAL:	44 households	\$141,994

## 2026

• January:	32 households	\$97,560
• <u>February:</u>	<u>39 households</u>	<u>\$91,851</u>
• TOTAL:	71 households	\$189,411

**January and February 2026**

- Referrals to Prevention +57%
- Cases paid +61%
- Dollars spent +33%



# Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Statewide Rent Need Data

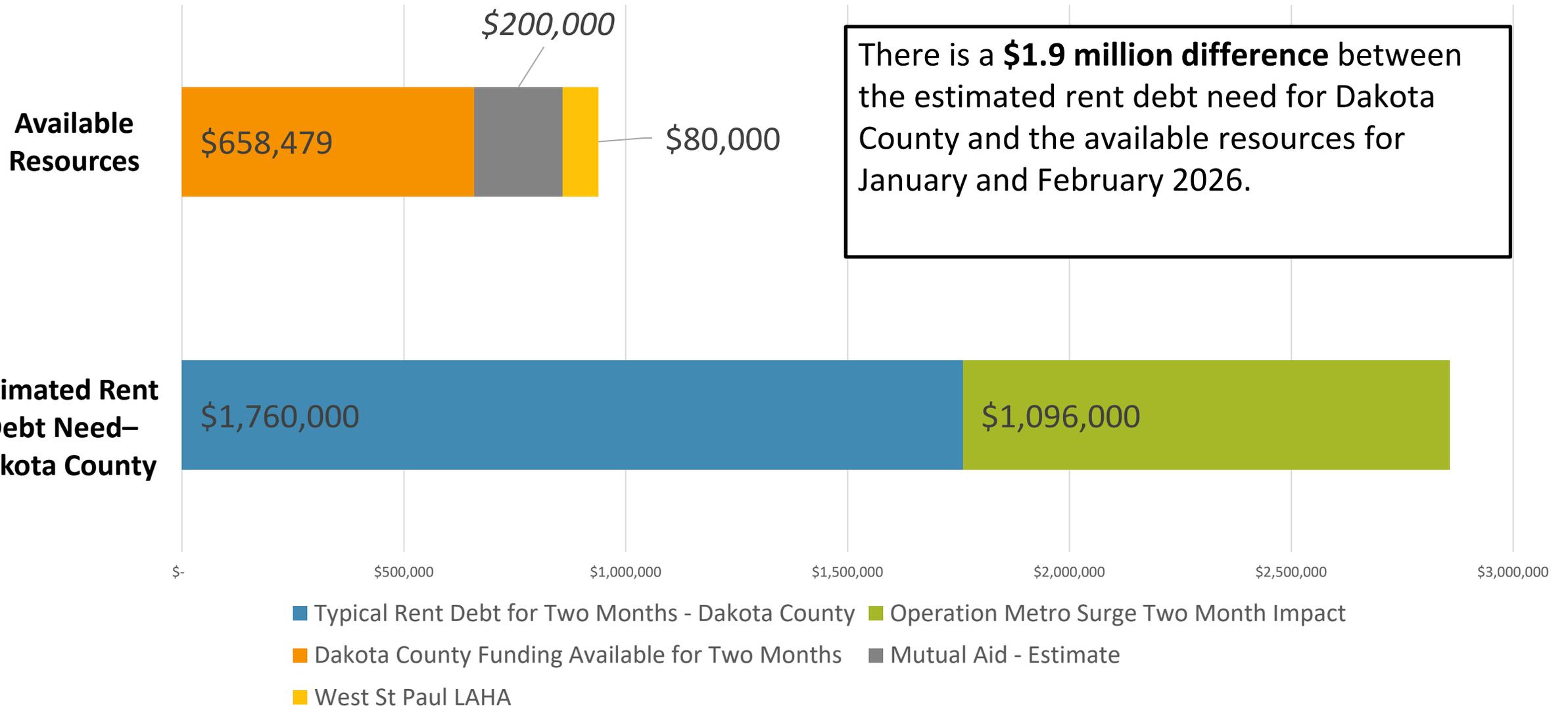


- *Average* two month rent debt in MN in 2025:
  - \$44.6M
- *Additional* rent debt for January and February 2026 due to Operation Metro Surge:
  - \$27.4M-\$51.3M
- *TOTAL* estimated rent debt for January and February 2026:
  - \$72M-\$95.9M

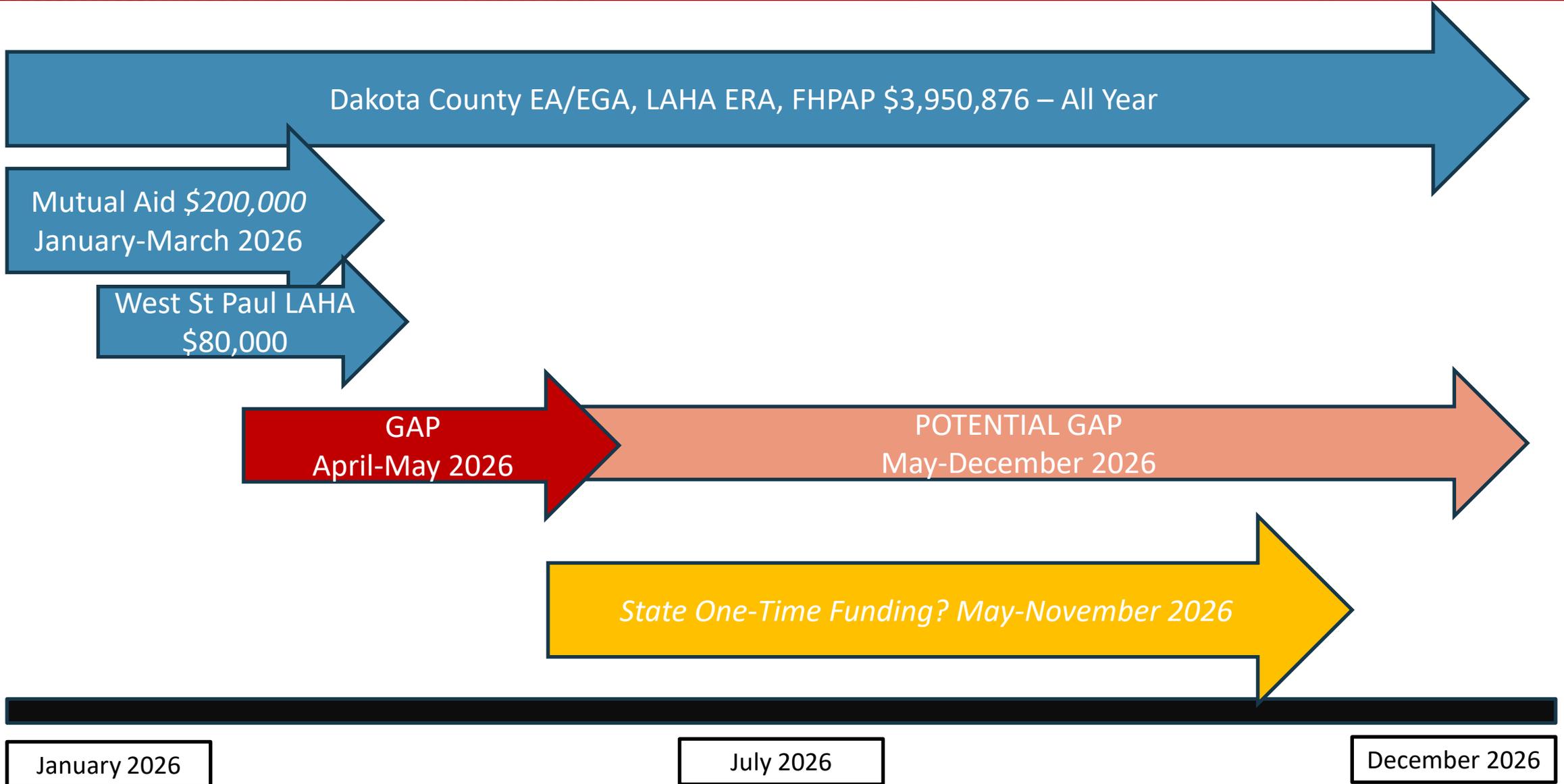
*Assume Dakota County rent debt is 4% of statewide debt, using State Affordable Housing Aid distribution formula.*

- Dakota County residents sheltering in place
- Heads of households detained or deported
- Business operations/employment disrupted
- Tenants are unable to pay rent in full
- Property owners are not receiving rent payments

# Resources Available vs Need for January and February 2026



# Available Resources

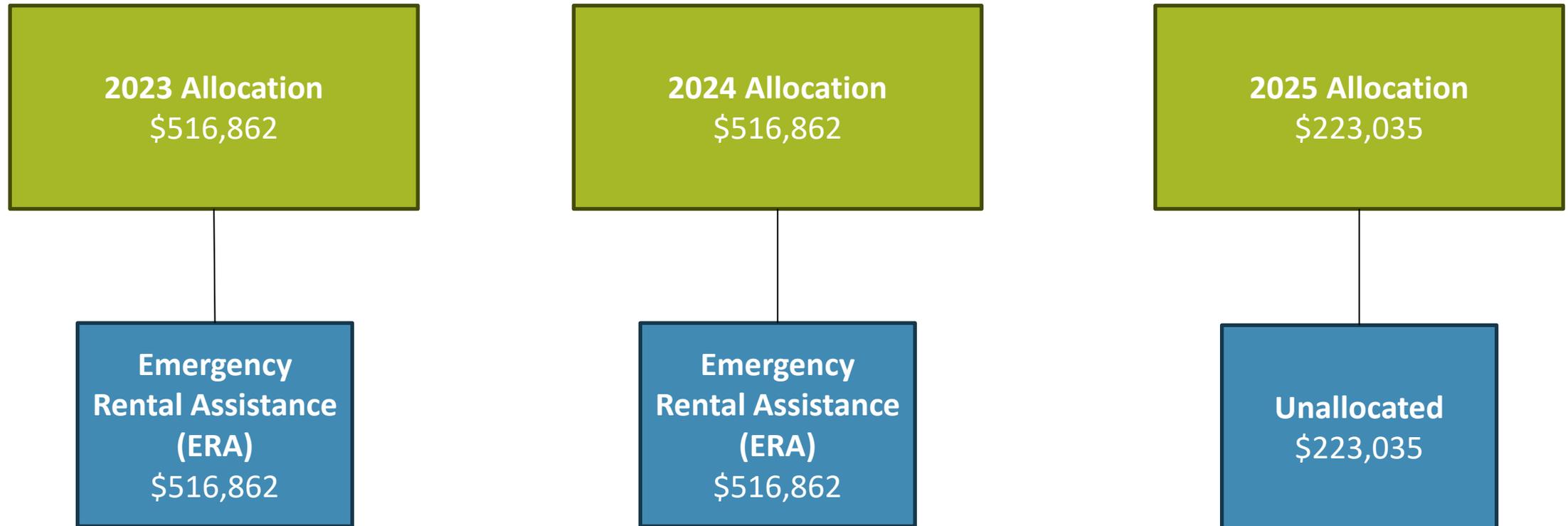


# Next Steps



- Continue to encourage residents to call the Housing Resource Line for rental assistance
- Continue to review requests and process rent payments for eligible Dakota County residents
- Monitor need through county, partner data and community indicator data
- Continue to convene system partners who are administering emergency rental assistance or are seeing community need (foundations, faith communities, non-profits, schools, cities, property managers, CDA)
- Monitor county budgets for rental assistance and update board, as needed
- Monitor state legislative actions and return to board, as needed

# State Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA)



**Thank you**