



# Dakota County Sentence to Service (STS)

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## Agenda



- Sentence to Service (STS) Overview
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Outcomes
- Effects of the Pandemic
- Future Planning

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## What is Sentence to Service (STS)?



STS is a restorative justice program where individuals are given the option to fulfill part or all their jail sentence through community service instead of traditional incarceration.



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## Benefit to the Community



Community Empowerment



Restorative Justice



Cost-Efficiency

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## Benefit to Our Clients



SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT



RESTORATION  
AND REDEMPTION



SUPPORTIVE  
ENVIRONMENT

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## Partnerships and Collaborations



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Dakota County Parks (contract)

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Dakota County Transportation Department (contract)

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Dakota County Facilities Management (contract)

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City of Burnsville

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City of Apple Valley (contract)

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City of Farmington (contract)

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Open Door Pantry

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DARTS

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Empire Township

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Dodge Nature Center

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Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) (contract)

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Bridging

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# Project Examples



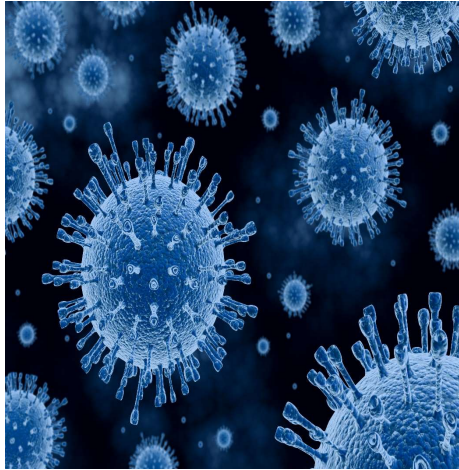
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# Project Examples



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# Pandemic



### Partnership with contracted vendor

- 1999-2024
- Crews were suspended in March 2020 when the pandemic began and never rebounded

### Staffing Challenges Post-Pandemic

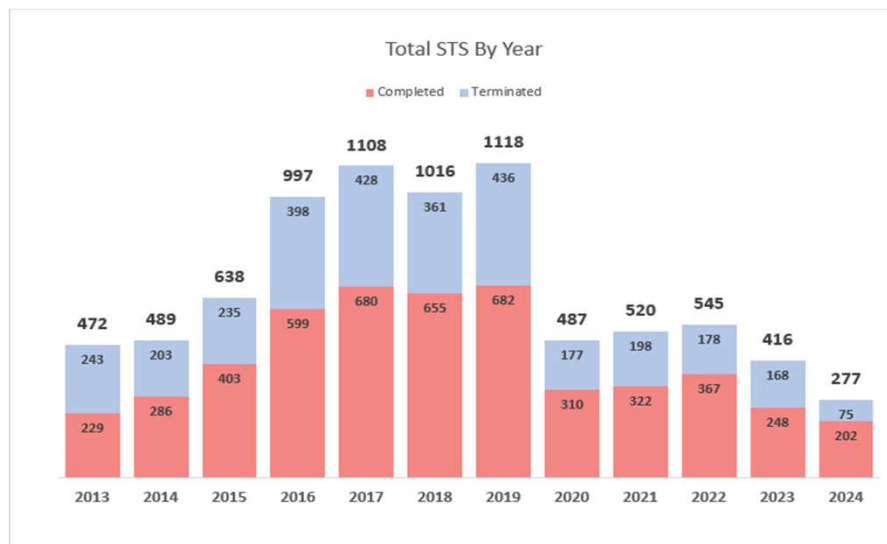
### Program Adaptation

- The Juvenile Community Work Service (CWS) Coordinator stepped in to maintain operations.
- A temporary position was created to support the program.
- Combined juvenile and adult programs

### In-Custody STS Program

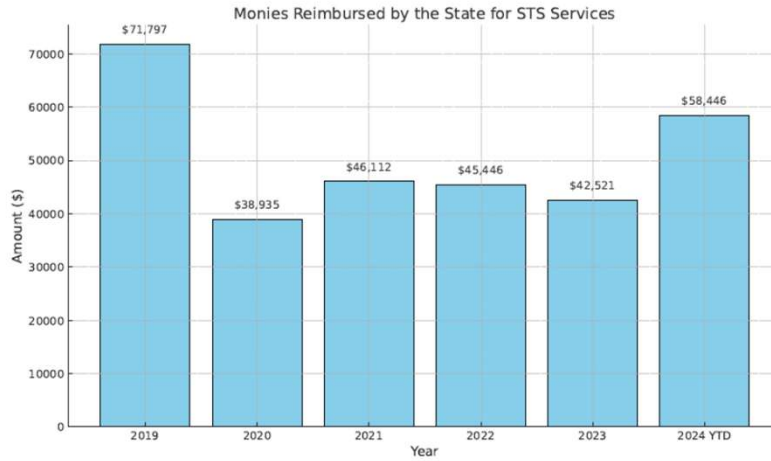
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# Outcomes



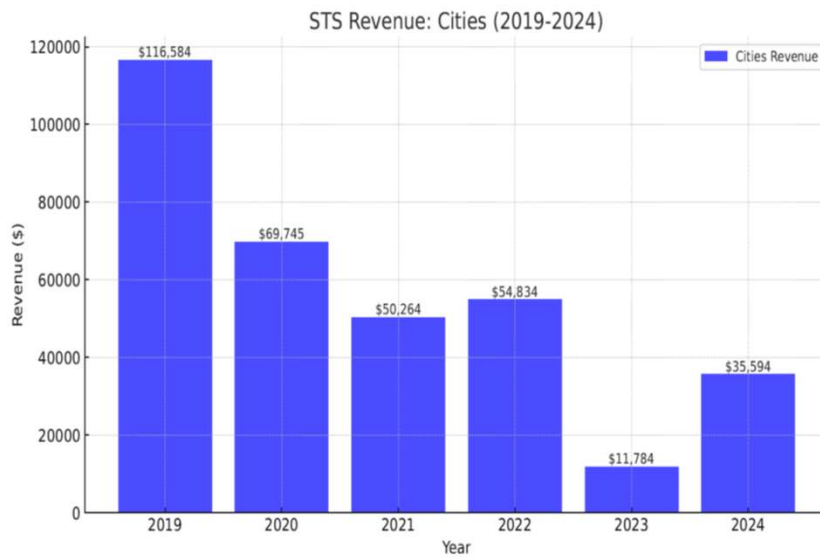
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# State Reimbursement



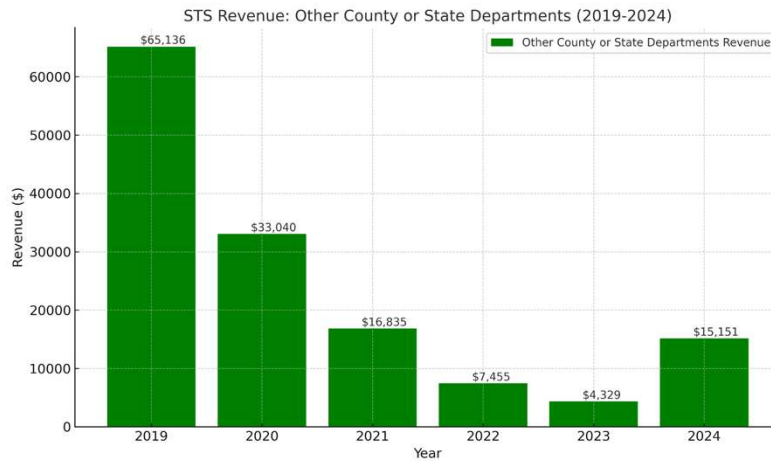
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# Revenue Dakota County Cities



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## Revenue from Other County or State Departments



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## Future Planning



Work to Re-Build and Expand



Work with Cities to create new revenue generating contracts



Continue to collaborate and find creative ways for clients to serve the community/community members

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