

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM

Emergency Services Program (ESP) Provides short-term shelter and support services, include self-sufficiency case management, employment counseling, job placement, and help accessing permanent housing.

ESP At-a-Glance

In 2009, ESP funding provided

- Shelter to 2,599 people (20% of the homeless population)
- Support services to 2,758 people
- An average cost per client of \$128

ESP Funding Overview

- Minnesota's only dedicated funding stream for emergency shelter
- \$688,000/biennium through DHS' Office for Economic Opportunity, same level since 1997
- Adjusted for inflation, \$688,000 in 1997 is equal to \$479,800 today
- Average grant of \$42,000 to shelter service providers
- 16 programs funded, 10 in Greater Minnesota
- Requested funding increase: \$1 million/biennium beyond current level of \$688,000/biennium

Current issues to address:

- People turning to emergency shelter faced increasingly severe barriers to stable housing and are often not ready for permanent housing
- Significant rise in homelessness in greater Minnesota combine with a decreasing number of shelter beds



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2013 Funding Request: \$1 million/biennium