

# SHELTER CAPITAL

## \$50 Million Investment

Funding to maintain and create new shelter beds. \$25M in cash through the state's two-year budget; \$25M in bonding through a new bonding program called Shelter Infrastructure Bonds (SIB)

- Expanding emergency shelter beds will provide immediate and temporary housing for our most vulnerable Minnesotans. Emergency shelter beds generate a short-term solution for individuals and families sleeping outside. Investing in resources to expand emergency shelters will make improvements to Minnesota's rental and housing markets, while sustaining a healthy and prosperous community.
- Melissa from Mankato shares her story of homelessness:
  - "When I was pregnant I was homeless and there was a very long waiting list to get in, and it was very miserable being pregnant living out of multiple places: beds, garages, cars. I was very uncomfortable and [it was] stressful. We need more space so we have a shorter waiting list to get into shelters and into housing." - Melissa, Mankato

### 80 OF 87 COUNTIES

counties lack enough shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness

### 1 IN 4 PEOPLE

experiencing homelessness are not able to stay in a shelter, and homelessness is increasing across Minnesota

There is only enough permanent housing available for 31% of individual adults experiencing homelessness, and only 68% available for families experiencing homelessness

- This funding would create the opportunity for culturally specific shelters, ADA compliance, physical & mental health considerations, and increased capacity for individuals and families living outside to enter shelter.
- This bill will allow for communities to expand or preserve shelters by providing resources to construct new shelters, acquire buildings to convert into a shelter and rehabilitate existing shelters.
- As of late 2019, MCH has been able to identify plans for creating/maintaining over 2000 shelter beds w/ an estimated cost of \$59M+ throughout the entire State.
- Homeless shelters represent a significant gap within the continuum of housing and services to meet the needs of our children, families and seniors in Minnesota. We need to generate a short-term solution for individuals and families sleeping or dying outside with an investment to Shelter Capital.

Data provided by the Institute for Community Alliances while utilizing the Point in Time Count, Housing Inventory Count, & Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)



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