

# 2022

## POLICY AGENDA

# SHELTER CAPITAL

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## \$100 Million in Shelter Capital Resources

MCH is also advocating to create Shelter Infrastructure Bonds (SIBs) that will provide the funds to expand, preserve, and rehabilitate shelter beds to create temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness.

MCH has identified over \$100 Million in shelter capital needs throughout Minnesota that will create or preserve over 2,000 shelter beds.

Funding shelter capital will 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.

### Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homelessness.

## \$95 Million increase to the Emergency Services Program over the next 3 years

The Emergency Services Program allows organizations and local communities to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness by providing funding that supports the operations, staffing, and resources to support families, individuals, and seniors.

Statewide, the average number of days spent in shelter is **74 days**. The proportion of people staying on the street, rather than in shelters, increased by approximately **5%** from 2019 to 2020.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM

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Emergency shelters are the starting point to gaining long-term stability. MCH knows additional funding to ESP will have an impact statewide and empower communities to find creative, flexible solutions that address homelessness.