$15 Million Investment to the Emergency Services Program

Emergency shelters are the starting point to gaining long-term stability. With lodging on a short-term basis (usually less than three months), emergency shelters provide a homeless individual or family with a clean, safe place to stay. Strengthening the statewide Emergency Services Program with an increase of $15M per biennium is a smart investment because where we live impacts every aspect of our lives. When everyone has a place to call home, children learn, workers earn, seniors thrive, and communities prosper.

Shelter leads to housing stability

63% of people experiencing homelessness identify as People of Color or Indigenous Peoples. Minnesota’s unsheltered* population has increased by 41% in four years.

6,000 estimated MN youth (0-24y) on their own experience homelessness on any given night.

*Definition of an unsheltered person experiencing homelessness: resides in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or on the street.
$200/Month Increase to the Minnesota Family Investment Program

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), is the state’s welfare-to-work program. MFIP provides employment support and temporary cash assistance to children and their parents who are striving toward full-time employment. Many low-wage working parents do not qualify for unemployment insurance when they lose work. Instead, they must turn to MFIP for time-limited help.

More than 55,000 Minnesota children accessing MFIP are living in extreme poverty while their parents strive to satisfy rigid work and training requirements.

MFIP cash assistance hasn't been increased since 1986

The maximum level of assistance for a family of 3 is $532/month

16 US States plus the District of Columbia increased TANF benefits in the past two years

Minnesota is 1 of 3 states that has NOT increased the TANF cash grant in 33 years

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