

SOLICITATION FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING SUPPORT PROVIDERS

Dakota County is seeking to recruit Community Rate 1 Housing Support providers to serve individuals who face barriers to securing and maintaining independent housing. Community Rate 1 providers are essential in facilitating room and board payments aiding in tenant success.

General Background

Housing Support is a state-funded program, governed by [MN Statute 256I](#), that provides room and board payments for adults who reside in an approved setting through a service provider with an active Housing Support Agreement. Community Housing Support settings require both a lease and a habitability inspection, and in this case, will be the scattered-site model. The individuals accessing this program may face the following barriers:

- Low-income
- Disabling condition
- History of homelessness but not eligible for Long-Term Homeless services
- Ineligibility to access home and community-based waver services (e.g. CADI, DD, EW, etc.)

The current room and board rate for Community settings is \$1242 per month. Providers with Community Housing Support Agreements must use this amount to cover the following expenses:

- The person's rent.
- Basic utilities (e.g. electricity, gas, garbage, cable, cell phone, etc.) that are not included in rent.
- Administrative fee of up to five percent of the room and board rate (currently \$62.10 per month).
- If any funds remain, providers may maintain a pooled fund for allowable Housing Support program expenses.

Provider Requirements

Only providers who have all the experience listed below will be considered:

- Past performance with the same or similar work in Dakota or other Counties.
- Experience with billing for publicly funded services via state or county systems.
- Ability and motivation to help facilitate successful tenancy.
- Knowledge of community resources and programs that may assist service recipients needing additional support.
- Ability to meet statutory requirements.
- Ability to maintain an active Housing Support Agreement.
- Completion of the Department of Human Services Housing Support orientation.

Social Services

A Dakota County Northern Service Center • 1 Mendota Road West Ste. 300 • West St. Paul • MN 55118
P 651-554-6000 **F** 651-554-6043

A Dakota County Western Service Center • 14955 Galaxie Ave. Ste. 266 • Apple Valley • MN 55124
P 952-891-7400 **F** 952-891-7473

W www.dakotacounty.us



Response Requirements & Review Process

Interested providers are asked to submit responses via a Qualtrics survey. The survey can be found [here](#). Proposals will be reviewed regularly until an adequate number of providers has been reached.

Dakota County representatives will review all responses submitted, but incomplete submissions will not be considered. Some providers may be chosen to meet with the County to discuss their proposal in greater detail. These virtual meetings will be scheduled for 15-30 minutes each.

Contact and Questions

Please submit questions to SSAdminHousingSupport@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US.