

Dakota County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)

Cumulative Progress Report 2017 – 2025

SHIP Awarded Funds

SHIP Dakota County Public Health Department was awarded aprox. \$782,852 each grant cycle from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Leveraged Funds*

Additional funds secured from community partners with SHIP support.



Dakota County Public Health

February 2026

SHIP 5

2023 – 2025



Healthy Eating

- Increased opportunities for healthy eating or breastfeeding support at schools (7), worksites (11), community settings (8)
- Rapid Response Food Shelf Grants (10)
- Farmers Market Power of Produce (POP) launched engaging 173 youth and 100% of vendors



Active Living

- 2 cities created plans to support walking and biking
- Increased opportunities for physical activity in schools (5), worksites (3) and community settings (3)
- Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) planning at schools (3)



Commercial Tobacco

- 39 more policies/total 301
- 68% of Dakota County properties are smoke-free
- 4 school districts engaged in commercial tobacco prevention efforts
- 478 youth trained to be vaping prevention peer educators



Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Launched the Dakota County CredibleMind platform; reached over 1,000 unique users
- Initiated Trauma Responsive Department assessments, planning, and training
- Increased MH and resilience initiatives in schools (20), worksites (4), and community settings (8)
- Co-organized over 30 hours of capacity-building for school cultural liaisons

\$12,212,350*

SHIP 2022

2021 – 2022



Healthy Eating

- Increased opportunities for healthy eating or breastfeeding support in schools (2) and worksites (4)
- Food shelf grants (6) awarded to expand capacity to serve more individuals
- Farmers markets (10) supporting implementation of SNAP benefits and Farmers Market Bucks



Active Living

- 1 county, 4 cities created plans to support walking and biking
- Increased opportunities for physical activity in schools (2) across 2 districts, worksites (1)
- SRTS planning at schools (2)



Commercial Tobacco

- 8 more policies/total 262
- 59% of Dakota County properties are smoke-free
- 3 school districts implemented evidence-based vaping prevention efforts
- Increased opportunities for tobacco cessation at worksites (1)



Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Countywide Present Teacher Restoration Project across all (10) of our Public School Districts, (304) educators and (932) hours of training
- Increased opportunities for mental health and resilience in schools (17) across (9) districts and worksites (1)
- Co-organized 9 meetings with SHIP Community Leadership Team of school district cultural liaisons

\$1,323,083*

SHIP 4 (Year 5) + SHIP 2021

2019 – 2021



Healthy Eating

- Increased opportunities for healthy eating or breastfeeding support in schools (4) & worksites (2)
- Food shelf grants (5) awarded to expand capacity to serve more individuals
- Farmers markets (9) supporting implementation of SNAP benefits & COVID-19 safety



Active Living

- 1 county, 5 cities created plans to support walking and biking
- Increased opportunities for physical activity in schools (4) across 4 districts, worksites (6) & Early Childhood Prog.(3)
- SRTS planning at schools (2)



Commercial Tobacco

- 30 more policies/total 252
- 57% of Dakota County properties are smoke-free
- 5 school districts implemented evidence-based vaping prevention efforts



Health Care

- 2 community partners to support FoodRx™ pilot program impacting 43 families



MH & Wellbeing

- NEW SHIP strategy launched and implemented across schools (30), districts (9), worksites (6) and Early Childhood programs (3)

\$3,909,565*

SHIP 4 (Years 3 & 4)

2017 – 2019

- Increased opportunities for healthy eating or breastfeeding support in worksites (11) and Early Childhood programs (6)
- Corner stores (5) offering healthier food options, including halal stores

- 1 county, 3 cities created plans to support walking and biking
- Increased opportunities for physical activity in schools (18) across 6 districts and worksites (11)
- SRTS planning at schools (6)

- 78 more policies/total 222
- 50% of Dakota County properties are smoke-free
- Supporting DC CDA and HRA and connecting residents to cessation resources

- Falls Prevention
- Community collaboration and evidence-based programming at 7 sites

\$6,295,663*