



## Community Housing Resources & Referrals

The Housing Crisis Line is the central access point for people experiencing a housing crisis in Dakota County

**Housing Crisis Line (651-554-5751):** There are four agencies that answer phone calls from this line:

- ❖ Option 1: Dakota County Adult Intake for families and single adults
- ❖ Option 2: The Link's C.O.R.E program for youth 24 years and under
- ❖ Option 3: The Lewis House for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault
- ❖ Option 4: CAP agency for eviction prevention assistance

Call this number if:

- You are a Dakota County resident in need of emergency shelter
- Need assistance to prevent an eviction
- Need information on community housing resources and referrals

**Emergency Shelter:** The Supportive Housing Unit (SHU) completes all intakes for Dakota County families with minor children and single adult women to enter the Dakota Woodlands Family Shelter in Eagan.

Eligibility for a Shelter Placement:

- Must be a Dakota County resident:
  - Dakota County is County of Financial Responsibility (CFR); or
  - Physically present in Dakota County and not open to another county for financial or social services; or
  - Open to Dakota County Social Services
- Must provide proof of homelessness through proper documentation such as a legal eviction or threat of an eviction from landlord or homeowner (statements from tenants, friends, and/or family members are not acceptable forms of verification).
- Must be willing to turn over all available income to the shelter for room and board expenses (minus a personal needs allowance).

**How to Access Prevention Funds:** Households can request funds to resolve a housing crisis when they have been issued a notice of late rent or an eviction notice. The situation must be resolvable, and the housing must be affordable in order for assistance to occur. Additional eligibility criteria established by the funders may apply.

- **Step #1:** Apply for Emergency Assistance (EA) if a household with minor children or Emergency General Assistance (EGA) if adult-only household through Employment and Economic Assistance. If denied, move to Step #2.
- **Step #2:** Household applies for FHPAP funds via CAP Agency (651-322-3500 option #3) to resolve the housing crisis. If denied, move to Step #3. \*Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP).
- **Step #3:** Household requests assistance from community resources (360 Communities, Hastings Family Service, Neighbors, St. Paul Foundation, Salvation Army, etc.)

**Coordinated Entry:** Coordinated Entry is a process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, screened, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs. Coordinated Entry is NOT a waiting list for housing resources or services. Services and supports may vary depending on level of vulnerability and need.

To be eligible for Coordinated Entry:

- The household must be verifiably homeless in Dakota County meeting the federal definition of homelessness (living in a shelter, on the streets/car, places not meant for human habitation) OR
- Dakota County residents who are long-term homeless (LTH) who lack a permanent place to live continuously for a year or more or at least four times in the past three years including couch-hopping can be screened for Rapid Resolution.

### **Shelter Resources**

- **Metro Shelter Hotline (families & singles): 1-888-234-1329**  
24 hour hotline for shelter vacancies throughout the Metro area
- **Sharing & Caring Hands (families): 612-338-4640 Minneapolis**  
Shelter for families with 2 or more children.
- **Families Moving Forward (families): 612-529-2185 Minneapolis**  
Temporary shelter for families.
- **Lewis House (Domestic Violence Shelter): 651-452-7288 Eagan; 651-437-1291 Hastings**  
Emergency shelter for woman with children and/or single women who have been victimized by domestic violence.
- **Matrix Emergency Shelter (single adults and partnered adults with no children): 651-319-2153**  
Shelter services will be provided on a space-available basis to single adults who are 18 and older, are connected to Dakota County and need a safe place to sleep at night
- **The Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (single adults and partnered adults with no children): 952-898-9367 Option 2**  
Shelter services will be provided to Dakota County homeless adults who are 18 and older, with a disabling condition, who are currently living outside or in some other location not fit for human habitation.
- **Catholic Charities Higher Ground Minneapolis Shelter (singles): 612-204-8552**  
Emergency shelter and temporary housing for singles experiencing homelessness
- **Catholic Charities Higher Ground Saint Paul Shelter (singles): 651-647-2330**  
Emergency shelter and temporary housing for singles experiencing homelessness
- **Union Gospel Mission (single men): 651-228-1800 St. Paul**  
Emergency shelter and temporary housing for single men experiencing homelessness
- **The Bridge for youth (youth under age of 18): 612-377-8800 or text 612-400-SAFE (7233) Minneapolis**  
Shelter services will be provided for unaccompanied youth under the age of 18
- **Youth Services Network (YSN): YSNMN on the app store or visit [www.ysnmn.org](http://www.ysnmn.org)**  
Helping youth find shelter and services

### **Housing Assistance**

- **Community Development Agency (CDA)- 651-675-4400**  
Subsidized and affordable housing; Scattered-Site Public Housing, Workforce Housing (Townhome Program), Senior Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8).
- **360 Communities (families & singles)- 952-985-5300**  
Limited housing assistance to prevent homeless if EA is used or ineligible.
- **Neighbors (families & singles)- 651-455-5000**  
Must be a resident in the service area (northern Dakota County). Short-term assistance for persons at risk of eviction or utility shut-off.

- **Hastings Family Services (families and singles)- 651-437-7134**  
Must be a resident of Hastings. Small grants to resolve an emergency
- **Scott Carver Dakota CAP Agency (singles)- 651-322-3500**  
Programs for persons who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. Limited deposit assistance for eligible singles at risk.
- **The Link C.O.R.E (youth 24 and under): 612-205-7944**  
Limited funds available to for youth who are at risk of eviction

### Homeless Street Outreach & Drop-In Services

- **Ally Services (612-875-9683)** is a support service for anyone living outside (in vehicles, camping, on the street, etc.) in Dakota County. They also have regular hours at local libraries and churches provide resources and assist with service connection.
- **Matrix Resource Center (612-790-3409)** offers a day program at Grace Lutheran Church in Apple Valley for people who are experiencing homelessness and need access to computers, phones, printers, social workers, pet care, laundry, showers, haircuts, etc.
- **The Link CORE (612-205-7944)** has a Drop in Center at Grace Lutheran Church in Apple Valley where you who are at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness can get help with basic needs (food, clothes, shower, laundry, etc.) and connect to case management and other longer-term services such as housing.

### Housing Search Resources:

- Look in the rental classifieds section of the little local papers (ThisWeek/Mn Sun/Rosemount Town Pages) and can be found here: [www.ecm-inc.com](http://www.ecm-inc.com). The only downside is that you can't do a city-by-city search—it's the whole metro.
- Go to [www.housinglink.org](http://www.housinglink.org) to look for housing vacancies, also subsidized housing options are listed too.
- Go to [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) to search for housing (a good resource to find private landlords).
- Go to [www.forrentbyowner.com](http://www.forrentbyowner.com) to search for rental properties posted by private landlords.
- Go to [www.commonbond.org](http://www.commonbond.org) to view and apply for affordable housing throughout the Metro area.
- The US Dept. of Agriculture maintains a rural vacancy list, and many of the properties offer project-based subsidies, where the tenant pays 30% of their monthly income toward rent. The vacancies are at: [www.lifestyleinc.net](http://www.lifestyleinc.net). These are towns like Belle Plaine, Jordan, New Prague, Waconia, Norwood/Young America, etc. You can do a sort by county, and there are a variety of vacancies across the state.
- Apply to open waiting lists for housing (non-Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher): Scattered Site Public Housing: [http://www.dakotacda.org/ssph\\_program.htm](http://www.dakotacda.org/ssph_program.htm) They also have a Workforce Housing Program, however, minimum household income applies. You must apply in person at 1228 Town Center Drive, Eagan. Phone #: 651-675-4400.

**Housing Crisis Line screeners are available by phone M-F from 8:00am – 4:30pm  
651-554-5751 or email: [housingcrisis@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:housingcrisis@co.dakota.mn.us)**