



## Dakota County Housing Resources

### Housing Resource Line

The Housing Resource Line (651-554-5751; [housingresource@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:housingresource@co.dakota.mn.us)) is the central access point for people experiencing a housing crisis in Dakota County. When calling this number, you will be given four options:

- Option #1: Adults and Families with Minor Children
- Option #2: Youth (age 24 and under); The Link
- Option #3: Safe Housing (due to domestic violence or sexual abuse); The Lewis House
- Option #4: Eviction Prevention Assistance; CAP

### Homeless Street Outreach

The Street Outreach team at Ally Support Services connects any individual or family living outside (in vehicles, camping, etc.) in Dakota County to housing crisis services. To contact this team, call, or text 612-875-9683.

### Dakota County Emergency Shelter: Adult Men and Adult Women

- Adult Shelter Connect (612-248-2350); emergency shelter for adult men and women
- Bethel Hotel (651-789-7599); emergency shelter for adult men
- Families Moving Forward (612-529-2185); temporary shelter for families
- Higher Ground- Saint Paul (651-647-2350); emergency shelter for adult men and women
- Higher Ground- Minneapolis (612-204-8552); emergency shelter for adult men and women
- Lewis House (651-452-7288, Eagan; 651-437-1291, Hastings); women with children or women experiencing domestic violence or sexual abuse
- Metro Shelter Hotline (1-888-234-1329); 24-hour hotline for shelter vacancies in the metro area
- Naomi Family Residence (651-228-1800); emergency shelter for families
- Sharing & Caring Hands (612-338-4640); families with 2+ children

### Other Shelter Resources

Dakota County households can request eviction prevention assistance to resolve a housing crisis. The situation must be resolvable and the housing must be affordable in order for assistance to occur.

- Step #1: Household applies for Emergency Assistance (EA) or Emergency General Assistance (EGA) through Dakota County. If denied, the household moves to Step #2.
- Step #2: Household applies for Prevention Assistance from CAP (651-322-3500, option #3) to resolve the housing crisis. If denied, the household moves to Step #3.
- Step #3: Household requests assistance from community resources (360 Communities, Hastings Family Service, Neighbors, St. Paul Foundation, Salvation Army, etc.)

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) may be able to assist if your landlord is trying to evict you, raise your rent, shut off your utilities, is refusing to return a security deposit, or is not making necessary repairs. To determine if you are eligible for assistance, contact SMRLS at 1-888-575-2954 or visit [www.smrls.org/get-help/legal-services/housing](http://www.smrls.org/get-help/legal-services/housing).

HOME Line offers free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that Minnesota tenants can solve their own rental housing problems. To determine if you are eligible for assistance, contact HOME Line at 612-728-5767 or visit [www.homelinemn.org](http://www.homelinemn.org).

To learn whether Twin Cities area waitlists are open for Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing, visit: [www.housinglink.org/SubsidizedHousing/HousingAuthorityWaitingList](http://www.housinglink.org/SubsidizedHousing/HousingAuthorityWaitingList). To search for affordable units and waitlists, visit: [www.affordablehousingonline.com](http://www.affordablehousingonline.com).

## Housing Search Resources

### Preparing for a Housing Search

To view criminal and rental records, visit [www.mncourts.gov](http://www.mncourts.gov) and click on "Access Case Records." This website will show everything on a record with the exception of arrests that did not result in a conviction. If there is eviction or unlawful detainers on the record, an expungement should be pursued. To learn more about the expungement process, visit [www.lawhelpmn.org/resource/fact-sheet-order-form](http://www.lawhelpmn.org/resource/fact-sheet-order-form) and select "H-27 Expunging Evictions."

### Searching for Housing

- For those eligible, Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) is a Minnesota Medical Assistance benefit to help people with disabilities (including mental illness and substance use disorder) and seniors find and keep housing.
  - A searchable list of providers may be found at [MinnesotaHelp.info](http://MinnesotaHelp.info). In the "What are you looking for?" box, type "Housing Stabilization" and then include the city/county where services are to be received.
  - You can also find the most current list of providers in the [MHCP Provider Directory](#) by selecting "Home and Community Based Services (general)" for provider type and then selecting "Housing Stabilization Services" as the subtype.
- Contact the CDA (651-675-4400) to access affordable housing resources and programs. This includes Renter Programs (Workforce Housing Program, Senior Housing Program, Scattered Site Public Housing Program, Colleen Loney Manor, and Rental Assistance Programs), Homebuyer Programs, and Homeowner Programs. To apply, visit [www.dakotacda.org](http://www.dakotacda.org).
- Housing Link is a database that connects you with affordable housing options. It also lists subsidized housing opportunities. To start your search, visit [www.housinglink.org](http://www.housinglink.org).
- To search for rental opportunities with private landlords, try [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) or [www.forrentbyowner.com](http://www.forrentbyowner.com).
- Check out the rental classified sections of local newspapers (ThisWeek, MN Sun, Rosemount Town Pages, etc.) at [www.ecmpublishers.com/web-publications](http://www.ecmpublishers.com/web-publications).
- Go to [www.commonbond.org](http://www.commonbond.org) to view and apply for affordable housing opportunities throughout the metro area.
- The US Department 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 listed at [www.lifestyleinc.net](http://www.lifestyleinc.net).

### Navigating Obstacles

Housing Link ([www.housinglink.org/HousingResources/housingtips.aspx](http://www.housinglink.org/HousingResources/housingtips.aspx)) offers helpful tip sheets regarding the following topics: Dealing with Bad Credit, How to Handle a Shaky Rental History, Communicating your Criminal Background, Getting Emergency Assistance, Find Answers to Legal Questions, and Dealing with a Low Income.

### Signing a Lease

Certain rights and duties apply to landlords and tenants in Minnesota. The Minnesota Attorney General's Office has developed a handbook to explain those rights. To access this handbook, visit [www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Handbooks/LT/](http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Handbooks/LT/).