

Dakota County Emergency Hotel Program for Adults and Youth

DESCRIPTION:

Dakota County contracts with three agencies (Matrix Housing Services, Ally Supportive Services, and The Link) to provide emergency shelter in local hotels for single adults, youth ages 18-24, and couples/households without children. Participants must be homeless in Dakota County and one member of the household must have a disabling condition. Priority is given to individuals who are unsheltered and those who are homeless and at high risk for COVID-19 (over age 60 and/or pre-existing medical conditions). The Emergency Hotel Program replaces the rotating church-based emergency shelter.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Adult (18+)
- Homeless in Dakota County
- One member of the household must have a verifiable disabling condition. Documentation can include award letter from SSI/SSDI or [Professional Statement of Need](#)
- Insufficient income or savings to self-pay for hotel

SERVICES:

- Assistance with securing basic needs and connecting to community resources
- Ensuring that participants have access to three meals per day
- Exit planning and assistance with search for permanent housing
- Service interactions may be limited due to COVID-19 and the need to follow health guidelines

REFERRALS:

Matrix Housing Services:

- **Call or text the shelter line at 651-319-2153 between 9 a.m. and noon, Mon-Fri.**
- 40 hotel rooms in Eagan
- Pets allowed

Ally Supportive Services:

- **Call or text 612-875-9683**
- 20 hotel rooms in scattered locations

The Link (Youth):

- **Call the Housing Crisis Line at 651-554-5751 ext. #2**
- Youth ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness in Dakota County
- 10 hotel rooms in scattered locations