



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Fast Facts: 2011 Legislative Session

Minnesota Sex Offender Program: Shantz Building renovations

The 2011 Legislature approved \$7 million in bonding to renovate the Shantz Building on the Minnesota Department of Human Services' St. Peter campus. The renovation will provide needed bed space for the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) and begin the process of separating the vulnerable adult and sex offender populations.

Background:

- Tremendous growth in the number of civilly committed sex offenders has driven rapid expansion of MSOP. The client population has quadrupled — from 149 to 605 in the past 10 years. If Minnesota courts continue to civilly commit new clients consistent with current trends, MSOP will be out of bed space by July 2013.
- In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature approved bonding to construct legally required treatment and basic support services. This funding, however, did not include any additional bed space.
- In addition, the Shantz Building currently houses both MSOP clients and vulnerable adult clients from State Operated Services (SOS). Separating these two populations is a priority.

Project overview:

- The project will provide 55 additional beds to meet projected client growth through 2014.
- Funding will be used to renovate, furnish and equip the Shantz Building with security systems, windows and doors, mechanical and electrical systems; heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems; building lighting; fire/life safety systems; and other updates.
- Renovation of the 50-year-old Shantz Building will better meet the needs of current and future clients of SOS and MSOP and ensure public and client safety in a cost-effective way.
- Design work on this project is complete; the start of construction has not been scheduled.

Related information:

- DHS end of session fact sheets, http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_000101
- 2011 DHS Report to the Legislature [Options for Managing the Growth and Cost of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program: Facility Study \(PDF\)](#) Bed Space Options, Section 4, Page 52, Minn. Stat. §189, section 18, subd. 6 (2010).
- [Minnesota Sex Offender Program information](#) on the DHS website

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