



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Fast Facts: 2014 Legislative Session

Funds will help improve safety at Minnesota Security Hospital

The 2014 Legislature approved \$56.3 million to construct new residential and program facilities for the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter. Additionally, the Legislature approved \$7.4 million for a project to develop additional facilities for the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP), also on the St. Peter campus. The projects aim to improve campus layout and provide a safer environment for clients and staff.

Background:

- Minnesota Security Hospital provides treatment to individuals who have been civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous and provides court-ordered mental health evaluations.
- A critical need exists to address patient and staff safety issues at the facility. Living units have narrow stairways and poor sightlines for staff to monitor patient activity. Separate treatment units for admissions and individuals who are in crisis are needed.
- The Minnesota Security Hospital shares a campus with MSOP, two distinctly different programs. Both the Minnesota Security Hospital and MSOP have individuals housed on the lower campus. While security hospital patients are considered vulnerable adults, MSOP clients are not.
- The number of clients in MSOP continues to grow and clients are progressing through treatment. Currently, more beds for clients in the later stages of treatment are needed.

Project overview:

- \$56.3 million will pay for the first part of a two-part project to construct and remodel residential and program facilities on the upper campus for individuals committed to the Minnesota Security Hospital.
- \$7.4 million will fund the completion of the first phase of a three-phase renovation of the lower campus, providing needed space for MSOP clients in the later stages of treatment.
- These projects are part of a phased initiative to relocate all Minnesota Security Hospital services and activities to the upper campus and reuse/redevelop the lower campus for MSOP services.
- The MSOP project is designed in three phases to allow for flexibility in adjusting the project if policy changes significantly affect projected client growth.

Related information:

- DHS fact sheets: <http://mn.gov/dhs/media/fact-sheets/>
- Forensic Services fact sheet: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6172-ENG>
- Minnesota Sex Offender Program Overview: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5939-ENG>

DHS Communications: June 2014