

**Goodhue
County**
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Local Homeless Prevention Aid

Goodhue County Health and
Human Services
Implementation 2023

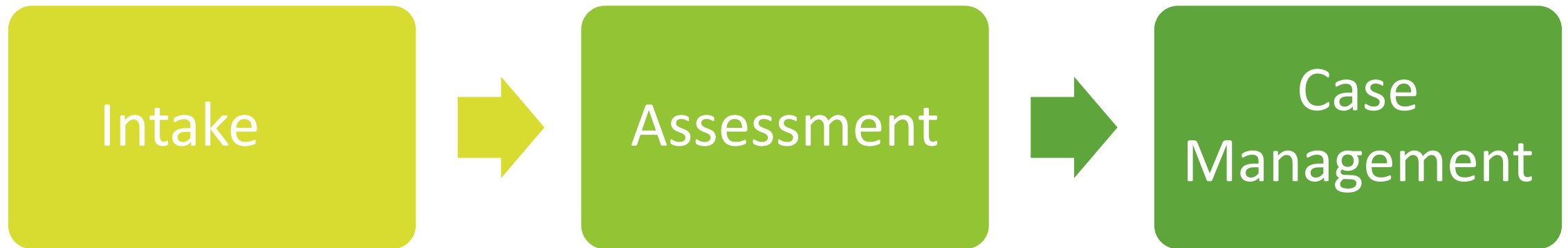


Background

In 2023, Goodhue County Health and Human Services learned about funding from the MN Department of Revenue that was allocated to counties to prevent homelessness for children. (Minnesota Statute 477A.30)

We reviewed how other counties were using these funds and met with local agencies that address homelessness. Internal administration allows GCHHS to disperse a higher percentage of the funds directly to Goodhue County residents because the case management can be provided through existing programs, such as Parent Support Outreach.

Preventing Homelessness



Intake

Family that is at risk of homelessness is identified and information is collected at intake.

If the family is not receiving any supportive services through Goodhue County Social Services, a new intake is written and reviewed.

If the family has school aged children, they may be eligible for services through the Parent Support Outreach Program and may qualify to access the Local Homeless Prevention Aid.

Assessment

Social Worker contacts the family to determine eligibility

- Is the family living in overcrowded conditions?
- Are they paying more than 50% of their income on rent?
- Do they lack a fixed , regular, and adequate nighttime residence?
- Are they willing to work with a social worker to make a plan that includes budgeting and locating affordable housing?

Case Management

- Social Worker develops a plan with the family and submits a request for payment for Local Homeless Prevention Aid.
- Supervisor reviews the request to ensure that the family meets the requirements.
- Approved request is sent to GCHHS Accounting for disbursement.
- Data collection includes the how the funding was used and the family's housing status after 6 months and one year.
- Additional support that has been provided because of the PSOP case management includes mental health referrals, access to child care assistance, medical support and food support.

LHPA Received and Dispersed in 2023

Project/Program	Impact: assessment of how each project and program impacts people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness	Project/Program	Impact: assessment of how each project and program impacts people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness	Number of People Served by 2023 Aid Spent in 2023	2023 Aid <u>Spent</u> in 2023	2023 Aid <u>Committed</u> to be <u>Spent</u> in 2024	2023 Aid <u>Anticipated</u> to be <u>Spent</u> in 2024
Transitional housing	Provide housing in hotels to families who would otherwise be homeless	Transitional housing	Provide housing in hotels to families who would otherwise be homeless	21	\$ 13,108.83	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Rental assistance	Pay rent for families at risk of eviction from rental	Rental assistance	Pay rent for families at risk of eviction from rental	27	\$ 17,371.24	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Hotel Assistance	Pay hotel expenses for families waiting to get into permanent housing	Hotel Assistance	Pay hotel expenses for families waiting to get into permanent housing	0	\$ -	\$ 6,511.93	\$ 6,511.93
	Total		Total	48	\$ 30,480.07	\$ 36,511.93	\$ 36,511.93

Questions