



Regional Behavioral Health Centers

Department of Social Services

Overview

Over the last two legislative sessions, Governor Noem and the legislature have worked together to fund the construction of regional behavioral health centers to help individuals in crisis closer to home. Too often, these individuals end up in the emergency room or jail and do not get the help that they need.

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$5,635,581 in ongoing funding to continue investing in regional behavioral health centers that have completed construction and are operational.

Project Description

Investments in the FY22 and FY23 budgets supported infrastructure costs to establish regional centers across the state. This appropriation will cover the ongoing service costs of completed facilities in Rapid City, Watertown, and Yankton. These facilities provide 24/7 overnight residential services to stabilize acute psychiatric or behavioral health symptoms, evaluate treatment needs, and develop a crisis stabilization plan allowing individuals to be stabilized closer to home.

Funding

State funding for construction and start-up of regional behavioral health centers was provided in the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions. This ongoing investment of \$5,635,581 in general funds will ensure these facilities have the necessary resources to properly serve South Dakotans in times of mental health crisis.