

Dept. of Administration: Visit highlights \$10.3 million housing investment for Winnebago County

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Oshkosh, Wis. – Today, Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld met with Winnebago County leadership and toured several facilities made possible through a \$10.3 million Neighborhood Investment Fund grant from Governor Evers for housing continuum services.

The Secretary met with Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel, Day by Day Shelter executive director Molly Butz, Oshkosh Kids Foundation President Will Deppessie and executive director Julie Dumke, during a tour of the upcoming warming shelter, and the community center at the Tiny House Village in Oshkosh. The two projects are part of six housing continuum proposals funded through the Neighborhood Investment Fund grant for Winnebago County.

“When Governor Evers first announced the Neighborhood Investment Fund program just over a year ago, he envisioned long-term impact to help our communities bounce back and thrive. That’s precisely what the housing continuum projects in Winnebago County represent,” said DOA Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld. “It’s all about meeting critical community needs, assisting people with dignity and respect, and laying a foundation for stronger communities for years to come.”

“In 2021, the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition released the ‘[Homeless Continuum Report.](#)’ The grant funds have accelerated our ability to prevent homelessness,” said Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel. “Two years ago, my concern was the report was headed toward the way of most government documents – on a shelf collecting dust. With this grant, we will accomplish all seven recommendations.”

The [Neighborhood Investment Fund program](#) was initially announced in [August 2021](#) with additional investments [announced in May 2022](#) and has provided local and Tribal governments with capital investments to meet ongoing community needs, especially in areas impacted by the pandemic. Grants are administered by the Department of Administration and funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Governor Evers has recently called for expanding the successful program to meet ongoing workforce challenges around the state, through a [\\$150 million budget proposal](#), as well as [additional investments](#) for affordable housing, civil legal aid, and other housing solutions in his 2023-25 Budget.

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