

## **GCSS Building and Space Needs:**

### *Basic Facts:*

\*There are 3 main program areas: Income Maintenance, Child Support and Social Services

\*Over 90% of our programs are required by State or Federal Statute and eligibility rules are determined at the State or Federal level and are the same throughout all Minnesota counties.

\*We receive federal reimbursement for staff and certain programs as well as bill for services rendered. Thus, about half our overall budget is local levy dollars.

\*The programs we operate generate over \$8 million dollars into the community via child support paid to custodial parents, medical providers and hospital billings to medical assistance, pharmacy billing to medical assistance, food support utilized in grocery stores and gas stations locally and assistance paid to foster homes and daycares. Our programs are an economic stimulator in Grant County.

\*We uniquely have the ability to get 50% federal reimbursement on rent we pay the county or any vendor. This applies only to rent, building or renovating expenses are not applicable for reimbursement. We can get rent reimbursement for 50 years, regardless of the life of the loan or bond.

### *Space Needs:*

#### **1. Safety and Security:**

\* We do not have adequate separation of personal, tax, and HIPPA data from our non-public workspace and our public space.

\*Because all consumers have to come into our private office space we have no security or safety measures for staff once they have passed through the one locked door. Most all consumers have to do so to meet with the staff since we have no meeting space in the lobby or public area.

\*The lobby is not conducive to confidentiality and data privacy,

\*The physical plant is not adequate to house the number of people we have, creating space issues and safety issues in terms of wiring.

#### **2. Increased Staffing Needs:**

\*MnSure

\*MnChoices

\*Child Protection

\*Increased oversight and compliance which requires additional supervisory presence as well as the potential for significant financial consequences to the county for failure to meet performance guidelines. Consequences may include removing the service from the county's purview and requiring them to pay someone else to do it with no local control over expenditures.

#### **3. Increased Partnership:**

\*Partnering with surrounding counties to provide required and necessary services with more expertise for less cost than doing it alone.

\*Maintaining core services in GC and contracting with outside entities keeps our community vital and strong into the future

## **GCVSO Building and Space Needs:**

### *Basic Facts:*

- \*There are 4 main program areas: healthcare, compensation, pension, and emergency assistance
- \*We receive Operational Grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.
- \*The 2014 Veterans Affairs Geographic Distribution of Expenditures reports a total expenditure of \$3.96 million to Grant County veterans. Payments directly to veterans in the form of compensation and pension totaling \$2.34 million provide economic stimulus to the community.

### *Space Needs:*

1. **Accessibility and Privacy:**
  - \* The current facility is not conducive to confidentiality and data privacy. Adjoining offices are able to hear normal conversation that occurs in the Veterans Service Office.
  - \* Aging veterans struggle to locate and access the current facility.
  - \* There is no lobby or waiting area.
  - \* Rest room facilities are inadequate, difficult to locate and not in near proximity to the office.
2. **Reception and Storage:**
  - \* There is currently no receptionist/assistant in the office to address issues when the Veteran's Service Officer is not in the office.
  - \* Storage is non-existent in the current facility. Files, supplies, and operating material are stored in the single office space.
3. **Building mutually beneficial relationships:**
  - \* Being collocated with Social Service and Public Health will build working relationships between the organizations improving service to the clients we have in common.

## **Horizon Public Health Building and Space Needs**

### *Basic Facts:*

\*There are 7 main program areas: WIC, Child and Teen Checkups, Case Management, Family Home Visiting, Disease Prevention, Health Promotion/Education and Emergency Preparedness.

\*Most of our programs are funded by State and Federal grants or are reimbursed from State Medical Assistance and Insurance Companies.

\*Less than 10% of our budget is local tax levy dollars.

### *Space Needs:*

#### **1). Privacy and Security:**

\*We need a reception area for clients attending Public Health appointments

\*We need a small conference room for meetings with clients

\*A space is needed to provide privacy for lactating mothers

\*Our space needs to be secure for privacy and safety reasons (our present location has no security)

#### **2). Office and Storage Space**

\*Storage is needed for WIC supplies

\*Storage is needed for family health supplies such as car seats and baby gates

\*Office space is needed for staff and supervisors

\*We need bathroom facilities near the WIC and Child and Teen Check up clinic rooms

\*A sink is needed for proper hygiene in the immunization and CTC room

### *Increased Partnerships and relationships:*

\*Partnering with surrounding counties will provide required and necessary services

\*Being co-located with Veterans and Public Health will build working relationships

\*Sharing a reception area will increase efficiencies in all three departments

\*Being co-located will improve services for the clients we have in common

## **Grant County Sheriff's Office Building and Space Needs**

### *Basic Facts:*

\*The Grant County Sheriff's Office supports almost daily Elbow Lake Police, Ashby Police, State Patrol, Conservation Officers, Probation, and other agencies. This brings additional space and security concerns to our Office.

### *Space Needs:*

#### **Safety and Security :**

\*Safety issues put employees, the public, and those arrested, at risk on a daily basis. A contributing factor to the safety issues is a lack of security that just simply cannot be implemented in the Grant County Courthouse Building due to the structural build of this historic building.

\* Security issues are also faced from a data standpoint. The work space is such that it is impossible to keep printed material and computer screens out of view from anyone entering the Sheriff's Office. In addition to our lack of space creating data issues, we simply do not have the space to operate for personnel, storage of supplies, processing and preservation of evidence, securing prisoners, and interviewing. Anytime a prisoner is brought into the Sheriff's Office, they must be escorted through the public area of the Courthouse. Often times, individuals are processed in public areas of the building, including the public restrooms.