



Union Gospel Mission

Duluth, MN

For over 100 years the Union Gospel Mission has served Northland neighbors in need by providing food, shelter, and supportive services.

Legislative Request for New Homelessness Engagement Center in Duluth

Requested Funding: \$8,856,000

The new UGM building, located directly across the street from the St. Louis County Government Center, will feature a Mission Engagement Center, designed specifically to meet the needs of guests experiencing homelessness. The Mission Engagement Center will consist of:

- A commercial kitchen and dining hall
- Warming center space for guests
- Indoor and outdoor space for guests
- Free health service facilities
- Free laundry services
- Free clothing and hygiene resources
- Free summer food programming for kids
- Classrooms and offices

Additional Information

Mission Heights Housing

The future Mission Heights will provide 40 permanent supportive housing units above the Mission Engagement Center. This will ensure guests are not just provided with housing, but connected to case management services to ensure residents success in maintaining their home.



Community Need

Hunger

- 1 in 12 Northland adults are experiencing food insecurity.
- 1 in 9 Northland children go to bed hungry each night.

Homelessness

- 70% increase in homelessness in St. Louis County from 2023 to 2024.
- 1,100 individuals utilized the Duluth warming center in 2023.
- 54% of Northland residents are experiencing a rent burden rate.



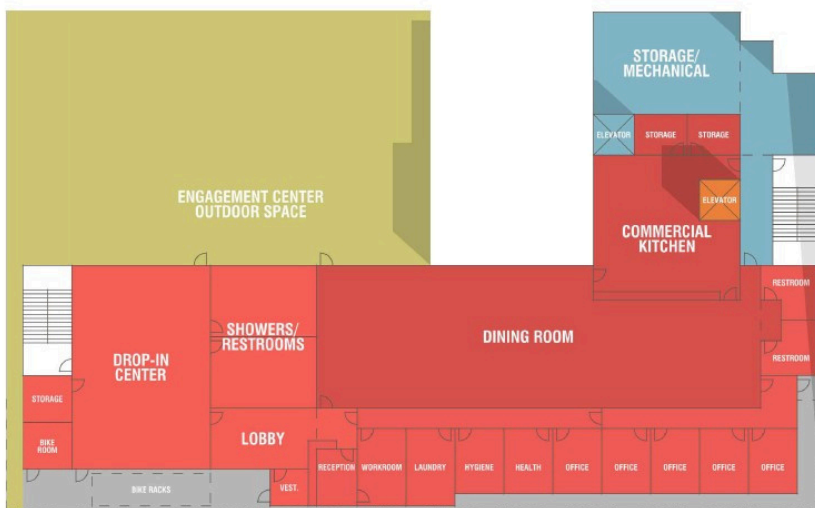
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"The homeless response system in the Northland is severely outdated. UGM's relocation is part of a community-wide plan to end unsheltered homelessness and provide people with dignified person-centered opportunities for long-term housing stability."

New Home. Same Hope.

Successful funding for the Mission Engagement Center will help leverage \$15,613,930 in funds from Housing Infrastructure Bonds.



Partnerships

- Funding and development services from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, MN
- Funding and land from the City of Duluth
- Housing supports operational funding from St. Louis County
- Support from local businesses and health care systems

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