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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1468

Introduced by

Representatives Bosch, Berg, Dockter, Martinson, Nathe, Porter, Heinert

Senators Axtman, Cleary, Larson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for a behavioral health facility grant.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
5 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY GRANT.**

- 6 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
7 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$16,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of
9 providing a behavioral health facility grant, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
10 and ending June 30, 2027.
- 11 2. A grant of \$16,000,000 must be provided to increase the number of behavioral health
12 beds in the west central human service center region. To be eligible to receive a grant
13 under this section, an entity must increase the number of available inpatient behavioral
14 health beds by thirty.
- 15 3. The department shall require an entity receiving a grant under this section to operate
16 the behavioral health facility for at least ten years and require the grant amount to be
17 repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. Grant funding
18 may not be awarded under this section until the physical infrastructure of the
19 behavioral health facility is complete and the entity submits documentation to the
20 department to detail adequate staffing plans to support the facility.
- 21 4. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient,
22 the grant award, or payments made under this section.

Draft Facility Renovation Estimates

*Preliminary Program and Budget to be confirmed	Convert vacated Peds to expanded BH with private rooms. Upgrade existing BH. HIIH license of BH.
Total Duration in Months:	12
Allocated Space (SF):	
Cosmetic	
Minor Renovation	18,265
Major Renovation	13,693
New Construction	
Shelled Construction	
Shell Buildout - Hospital	
Shell Buildout - MOB	
Canopies & Overhangs	
Total Allocated Space	31,958
Budget Categories:	
Planning & Consultants	\$ -
Sitework & Utilities	\$ -
Environmental	\$ -
Testing	\$ -
Demolition (if over \$50,000)	\$ 273,860
Construction	\$ 10,157,175
Contingency	\$ 1,015,718
Design Fees & Reimbursables	\$ 1,218,861
Building & Impact Fees	\$ -
Tenant Buildout	\$ -
Other - [Define]	\$ -
Equipment & Furnishings	\$ 1,100,000
Land	\$ -
I/S & Telecom	\$ 1,027,656
Totals	\$ 14,788,270
Interest	\$ 503,040
Overhead	
Totals	\$ 15,291,310

Areas of Focus:

Workforce & Staffing - St. Alexius has begun the process of building flexible, hybrid job descriptions to build roles that provide care across the continuum, including professional development of our current team members. We will begin recruiting immediately for full time Nursing and Mental Health Therapists. We will leverage our staffing agencies to contract for both International and traveling staff. Operationally, St. Alexius will need to staff for a daily census of 48 to meet the necessary volumes to drive the business plan.

Psychiatrists - Currently, St Alexius employs a Child Psychiatrist and has telemedicine options for Adult and Geri Psych services. We are also currently recruiting for a second Child Psychiatrist and a second Adult Psychiatrist.

Funding - The \$16M requested is intended to fund the capital construction costs. All other start up and operational costs will be assumed by the facility.

Timeline - Once funds are secured, St Alexius would look to begin construction in October 2025. Construction is estimated at approximately 12 months with a goal of being open and operational by September 2026.

All operational planning would be in partnership with the State of ND and other Behavioral Health Partners to ensure a system of care approach for providing Behavioral Health care in Central and Western ND.

