



September 2, 2025

City of Dickinson
Board of Commissioners
38 1st Street West
Dickinson, ND 58601

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Dickinson City Commission:

On behalf of the Dunn County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for the proposed United Way Supportive Housing facility at the former Evergreen building located at 2143 6th Avenue West in Dickinson. This initiative, led by United Way of Dickinson, addresses a critical regional need for supportive housing and emergency shelter services, and we believe it will have a positive impact not only on Stark County but also on neighboring counties like Dunn County.

The United Way Supportive Housing project will provide essential resources to vulnerable individuals and families, including homeless care and supportive care focused on alcohol and drug addiction recovery, counseling, and transitional housing. These services will extend to support work release from jail, transitions from rehabilitation back into the workforce, and halfway housing for court-mandated incarceration. By offering trauma-informed, gender-separated housing with on-site wraparound services, the facility aligns with evidence-based models that promote long-term stability, reduce recidivism, and enhance community safety.

Dunn County recognizes the growing challenges of homelessness, mental health issues, substance use disorders, and justice involvement in our region. These issues do not stop at county lines, and Dunn County residents often

seek services in Dickinson due to its proximity and available resources. We see this facility as a vital regional asset that will help alleviate these pressures by providing accessible, structured support. We recognize the shared benefits to our interconnected communities.

We urge the Dickinson City Commission to approve the appeal for this project at your September 16th meeting. This facility represents a compassionate, data-driven solution that will reduce the economic and social costs of homelessness, improve public health outcomes, and foster a safer, more livable region for all.

Sincerely,



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