



INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE FOR ALL

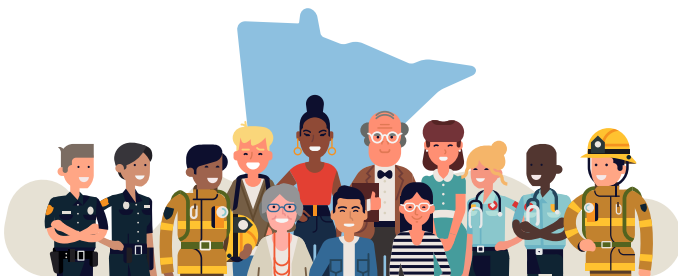
Public safety is extremely important to House Democrats and that's why we are doing everything it takes to fund solutions that work. Our latest public safety and judiciary bill delivers the right tools to law enforcement and community members at the right time, and directly addresses Republicans' failure to invest in public safety solutions that actually work. We're also funding our state's legal system to ensure that all Minnesotans have equal access to justice, not just the wealthy few.

Justice For All

- The House DFL is fully funding public defenders in Minnesota to ensure that everyone can receive their Constitutionally-protected right to public defense. Underfunding public defenders disproportionately affects low-income, BIPOC, and rural Minnesotans.
- Increased investments in civil legal services will help more Minnesotans avoid unnecessary job loss, homelessness, and reliance on social safety net programs, ensuring they receive the aid they need when navigating domestic abuse, housing, education, employment, and other challenges.
- Removes barriers to court documents by eliminating fees for public access.
- Protects students from tech companies spying on them and misusing their data.
- Invests in combatting hate crimes and discrimination.

Innovations in Public Safety

- House Democrats are fighting for a statewide, data-driven, evidence-based approach to addressing public safety issues at every angle. We're targeting expedited funding to local governments in the 80 communities with the highest crime rates, allowing them to tailor strategies to their needs.
- Local Community Innovation Grants will help local officials, police chiefs, prosecutors, and community organizations working on the ground team up to urgently address increased violence across Minnesota.
- The budget invests in juvenile justice – from prevention to intervention to mental health support for justice-system-involved youth.
- Adds non-law enforcement personnel to free up peace officers for increased patrols or service calls, adds investigators, and strengthens partnerships between law enforcement and social workers, mobile crisis teams, and violence interrupters.
- New tools to recruit new officers while increasing diversity and professional backgrounds, and to promote education and training in the community policing model.



New Resources For Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention

- House DFLers are committed to ensuring law enforcement has the tools they need to effectively do their jobs. Our budget funds local government emergency management, ARM-ER-compatible radios, grants for EpiPens, and more.
- Authorizing officers to use GPS tracking technology to safely recover stolen vehicles will help prevent dangerous high-speed chases.
- Enhances penalties for domestic violence, strengthens labor trafficking laws, and increases funds to combat sex trafficking.
- Funding to ensure officers have proper training in the use of force, duty to intercede, and conflict de-escalation.



Building Trust Through Accountability

- House DFLers are funding new investigators to perform compliance reviews and investigate alleged code-of-conduct violations among peace officers, and empowering civilian oversight councils to recommend disciplinary actions in response to complaints made against officers.
- Provides every officer in Minnesota funding to be equipped with a body camera that stays on. After an incident, family and community members would be able to see the footage in a timely manner.

Removing Barriers to Moving Forward and Increasing Equity

- Modernizes Minnesota's marijuana decriminalization law and automatically expunges related offenses.
- Establishes an office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls and creates a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives reward fund.
- The Clean Slate Act removes barriers making it difficult to access housing, education, and employment.

