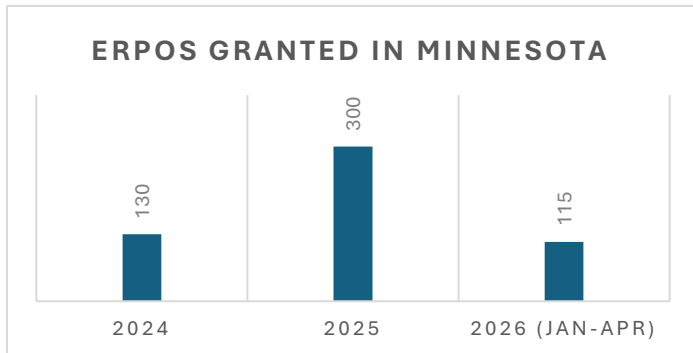


Safety in Focus: ERPO Firearm Patterns and Funding Resources for Storage and Intervention

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An Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) temporarily restricts a person's access to firearms when they pose a significant risk of harm. Law enforcement can petition for an ERPO, serve the order, enforce its terms, and securely store and document any surrendered or removed firearms.



Data from the Court Administrators Office

ERPO utilization trends

Total petitions reviewed: 556

Counties that have processed one petition or more: 56

Counties that have processed no petitions to date: 31

Firearm volume in ERPO petitions

Average firearms reported per petition

Raw average: 3.73 firearms

Adjusted average (outliers removed): 2.09 firearms

Range of firearms reported

Highest number in a single petition: 90

Petitions reporting zero firearms: 34

What this means for agencies

Agencies in the 56 petitioning counties could anticipate 2–4 firearms per ERPO case on average, with occasional high-volume cases.

Agencies in the 31 non-petitioning counties can use these figures to forecast storage needs as ERPO usage expands.

Support available

For questions related to these grants, please reach out to Natty Hels: natty.b.hels@state.mn.us.

For questions related to ERPO training and resources, please reach out to Sam Hoyt: samantha.hoyt@state.mn.us.

Firearm storage grant

[Click here to learn more about this funding opportunity](#)

Available funding: Up to \$50,000 per agency
(Funding timeline: 11/1/26-10/31/27) **Deadline:** 6/29/26

Purpose: Support secure firearm storage capacity related to ERPO implementation

Potential uses:

- Additional firearm lockers or vault space
- Secure long gun storage solutions
- Environmental controls (humidity, fire protection)
- Evidence room upgrades

This grant may help agencies proactively prepare for the expected volume and variability of firearms associated with ERPO cases.

Crisis intervention & behavioral health grant

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Available funding: Up to \$250,000 per agency
(Funding timeline: 11/1/26-9/30/28) **Deadline:** 7/13/26

Purpose: Support programs that reduce gun violence, enhance crisis response capacity, and improve access to behavioral health services—particularly for individuals experiencing mental or behavioral health crises. The funding also supports the development and implementation of Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs and other crisis-related court and service interventions.

Potential uses:

- Crisis Intervention & Response Services
- Law Enforcement & First Responder Programs
- Training & Workforce Development
- Technology & Access Supports
- Partnership-Driven Initiatives

Eligible projects can use SCIP funding to build or expand a wide range of crisis-response and behavioral-health initiatives.

