

Make urgent repairs to treatment facilities that serve thousands of vulnerable Minnesotans each year

Issues:

- Each year, DHS serves more than 12,000 people who have mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency and other conditions that require short- or long-term inpatient treatment or residential services. These Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) programs and services are provided at about 150 owned and leased facilities statewide.
- Between its hospitals, inpatient treatment facilities, residential care homes and other facilities, DCT maintains about 2.5 million square feet of buildings and infrastructure. The current replacement value of these facilities is more than \$845 million.
- Throughout all DCT-owned facilities there are critical components in urgent need of replacement or repair. Examples include fire alarms and sprinklers; major mechanical and electrical systems, sewer and water pipe repairs and replacement; foundation, door and window repairs; road and parking lot maintenance.
- These improvements cannot be addressed with the current level of funding provided in the agency's operating budgets and additional funding is necessary to make the most urgent repairs.
- Total deferred maintenance in DCT-owned facilities alone exceeds \$166 million. An estimated \$20 million per biennium is needed to address facilities identified as being in poor or unacceptable condition.

Proposal:

- The Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan recommends funding for asset preservation to make urgently needed repairs at DCT-owned facilities.
- The proposed work includes everything from roofs, windows, doors and exterior walls to HVAC, electrical and plumbing upgrades to tuck-pointing and paving.
- Work will take place on larger facilities and campuses in Brainerd, Cambridge, Anoka, St. Peter and Moose Lake. In addition, dozens of group homes for people with disabilities will get roof, door and window upgrades in communities across Minnesota from East Grand Forks and Mahnomon to Northfield and Faribault to Hermantown and Virginia.

Benefits

- Under the recommendation, 21 percent of DCT-owned facilities will have work done to address some of the most urgent needs, helping to ensure that they are functional, safe and in good repair.

Fiscal impact:

- Asset preservation projects, FY 2021: \$16 million

Related information:

- Governor's Local Jobs and Projects Plan on the Minnesota Management and Budget website:
<https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/current/>

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