



HIGHER EDUCATION

Every Minnesotan deserves access to opportunities that will lead to a bright future — and for many, that means attending a higher education institution. That’s why Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan propose investing **\$447 million in General Obligation Bonds** to maintain our campuses, upgrade outdated classrooms and labs, and modernize the student experience to ensure our schools remain on the cutting edge. This funding will leverage an additional \$41 million in Minnesota State financing for a total investment in higher education of \$488 million. These necessary upgrades will help provide our students with a world-class education and develop the talent needed to grow Minnesota’s economy.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR)

The Governor recommends \$142.5 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement funding to repair and replace buildings across the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. The funds will go to exterior updates, HVAC repairs, and safety features. Minnesota State’s total current deferred maintenance needs are estimated to be \$1 billion for state-supported buildings.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College: Nursing and Business

The Governor recommends \$16.282 million for construction of nursing and business classrooms and labs on the Coon Rapids campus at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. This project would expand the capacity of the nursing and business programs and improve facilities to meet industry standards. This would reduce deferred maintenance by \$4.9 million.

Normandale Community College: Classroom and Student Services

The Governor recommends \$26.634 million to complete Phase 2 of the College Services building project at Normandale Community College, which renovates classrooms, faculty and student support services. The project makes upgrades to the school’s common spaces by improving wayfinding, adding new spaces for student study, reorganizing faculty offices and updating classrooms. This project eliminates \$5.4 million in deferred maintenance.

Minnesota State University Moorhead: Weld Hall

The Governor recommends \$17.29 million to design Phase 1 of the Weld Hall renovation project at Minnesota State University Moorhead. The design will address significant deferred maintenance, improve teaching, and rightsize classrooms. This project will eliminate \$8.4 million in deferred maintenance.

Inver Hills Community College: Technology and Business Center

The Governor recommends \$14.653 million to renovate the Business Building and to construct a connection to Heritage Hall at Inver Hills Community College. This increases classroom sizes and will co-locate nearly all of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math academic programs on campus. This project would eliminate \$7.4 million in deferred maintenance.

Saint Paul College: Academic Excellence

The Governor recommends \$937,000 to design the renovation of classroom space on the St. Paul College campus. This project will address outdated classrooms and labs for STEM and liberal arts classes and workforce trade programs, the need for a new Food Service and Culinary food preparation demonstration and service areas, and the consolidation of Student Services. Once completed, this project will address \$3.8 million in deferred maintenance.

Minneapolis College: Management Education Center Metro Baccalaureate Initiative

The Governor recommends \$10.254 million to complete Phase 1, which renovates a building with a damaged roof and failing HVAC systems. The space will serve business, management, and economics students attending the two-year Minneapolis College (MCTC) and four-year Metropolitan State University. Once completed, this would reduce deferred maintenance by \$9.6 million.

Vermilion Community College: Classroom Building

The Governor recommends \$2.576 million to design and renovate six general purpose classrooms within the Classroom Building and the College Center. The project creates flexible adaptive learning environments; increases technological capabilities; renovates two sets of restrooms, adjacent corridors and lobby areas; creates a new entryway; and replaces the Classroom Building roof. This project will eliminate \$1.3 million in deferred maintenance.

Central Lakes College: Student Services and Academic Support

The Governor recommends \$8.275 million to design the renovation of the Student Services and Academic Support spaces, as well as the physical education and athletic facilities on the Central Lakes College campus. This project will eliminate \$516,000 in deferred maintenance.

Northland Community and Technical College: Effective Teaching and Learning Labs

The Governor recommends \$2.22 million to renovate classroom and lab spaces to meet the needs of four health science programs and the computer networking program. This project removes \$776,000 in deferred maintenance.

Minnesota State University Mankato: Armstrong Hall Replacement

The Governor recommends \$6.691 million for design and renovation to prepare for the replacement of Armstrong Hall, a heavily-used, outdated building. The first phase would complete design and renovate the Clinical Sciences basement to accommodate some occupants of Armstrong Hall. When completed, the entire project would reduce deferred maintenance by \$36.5 million total.

Winona State University: Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Engagement, and Learning

The Governor recommends \$3.218 million for design of a net-zero energy building that would replace two older buildings. The net-zero energy building will use a solar array and geothermal energy to power the building and contain flexible classroom space and student support services. Once completed, this project will eliminate \$9.2 million in deferred maintenance.

Lake Superior College: Integrated Manufacturing Workforce Labs

The Governor recommends \$985,000 for design of a new integrated manufacturing workforce lab. The Lake Superior campus currently rents space for this program. When completed, this project would reduce deferred maintenance by \$2.5 million.

North Hennepin Community College: Center for Innovation and the Arts at Brooklyn Park

The Governor recommends \$6.598 million for design to replace the Fine Arts Center with a new arts education studio, classrooms, and performing arts space. This project leverages multiple nearby programs — it establishes a “north Metro home” for the Metropolitan Baccalaureate initiative, creates a performing arts center, and may partner with the Osseo school district. When completed, it reduces \$6.2 million in deferred maintenance.

Metropolitan State University: Cyber Security Program

The Governor recommends \$3.923 million for the design and renovation of a cyber security teaching and research lab. This project would relocate a cyber security simulation facility and add research space. It reduces deferred maintenance by \$326,000.

Pine Technical and Community College: Technical and Trades Labs

The Governor recommends \$635,000 to design the renovation and construction of the technical and trades labs, classrooms, faculty space, health sciences spaces, and student support space at Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC). The completed project would reduce deferred maintenance by \$276,000.

University of Minnesota

Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR)

The Governor recommends \$125 million for asset preservation across the University of Minnesota's campuses. Asset preservation would focus on health, safety and accessibility, mechanical systems, utility infrastructure and energy efficiency, and building envelopes. Current total deferred maintenance for state-supported buildings is \$2 billion.

Child Development Building Replacement

The Governor recommends \$29.2 million to complete predesign, design, renovate, construct, furnish, and equip a new Institute of Child Development facility. This will replace the Institute's current building, allow undergraduates, researchers and graduate students to co-locate, and create improved research facilities. This will remove approximately \$11.9 million in maintenance backlog.

A.B. Anderson Hall Capital Renewal

The Governor recommends \$4.4 million to renovate and restore 36,670 square feet and add 830 square feet in A.B. Anderson Hall on the Duluth campus. This building houses classrooms serving nearly 500 majors annually, as well as fine arts studios, workspaces, and academic offices. This project will upgrade the mechanical systems, life safety equipment, fire protection, and architectural finishes. This will remove approximately \$4 million in deferred maintenance.

Chemistry Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory

The Governor recommends \$65.6 million to demolish an outdated facility, and predesign, design, renovate and build a new lab space for undergraduate chemistry on the Twin Cities campus. This will remove approximately \$20 million in deferred maintenance.