

# State Academies

# Projects Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2018	2020	2022
Minnesota State Academies Safety and Security Building Corridor	1	GO	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 0
Asset Preservation	2	GO	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 0
Minnesota State Academies Track Project	3	GO	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total Project Requests</b>			\$ 12,800	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total</b>			\$ 12,800	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Minnesota State Academies Safety and Security Building Corridor****AT A GLANCE****2018 Request Amount:** \$3,500**Priority Ranking:** 1**Project Summary:** The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$3,500,000 for the construction of a Safety and Security Building Corridor on the MN State Academy for the Deaf campus.**Project Description**

We would like to establish a central point of access to Smith and Quinn Halls, establishing a central office for administrators and clerical support as well as shared support services and work areas. This will improve the safety and security of our campus by establishing a check-in location, supervision of entrance ways to 3 buildings (including Noyes Hall) and allowing students to move around all educational areas without having to go outside.

Within this renovation project, we would like to establish a reception area with clerical support, technology, and door buzzers to supervise visitors and parents who enter the area to drop off their children and/or participate in school activities, meetings, and so forth. In this area, we anticipate re-purposing current office space, work areas, teacher lounges, restrooms, and so forth to improve accessibility and function. This space will be enhanced to serve all instructional areas (fully connecting Smith Hall and Quinn Hall, and providing an enclosed passageway to Noyes Hall.) Within this space we anticipate re-designing the space and reconfiguring our functional areas to ensure support for students and staff in all 3 buildings. This includes updating and renovating our restrooms and updating our Early Childhood lunchroom to ensure compliance with health and nutrition requirements.

We anticipate this will cost \$3.5 million dollars. We've received \$50,000 for design and planning of this project and as soon as we have more accurate numbers, an update will be submitted.

**Project Rationale**

Increasing student and staff safety is a high priority for the State Academies. We have limited access to all buildings throughout the Academies by installing ID activated card readers. The safety corridor would be a significant step toward creating a safer and more secure environment for all individuals on campus.

**Project Timeline****Other Considerations**

None.

**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

**Description of Previous Appropriations**

Received \$50,000 for design and planning in the 2017 bonding bill.

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**Asset Preservation****AT A GLANCE****2018 Request Amount:** \$8,500**Priority Ranking:** 2

**Project Summary:** The State Academies are requesting \$8,500,000 in asset preservation funds to maintain and preserve buildings on the campuses of the MN State Academy for the Blind and the MN State Academy for the Deaf. Two buildings, Tate Hall and Noyes Hall, are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

**Project Description**

The State Academies operate boarding schools for deaf and blind students in Faribault on two campuses containing dorms, cafeterias, classrooms, gyms, and offices. Asset Preservation appropriations along with their operating funds are the only source of money the Academies have for maintaining their historic and varied facilities. Examples of Asset Preservation projects that the Academy will need to complete in the near future include:

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- Replace six air handlers that control heating and cooling in the dormitory and education areas.
- Upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the MN State Talking Book Library.
- Replace the Industrial Building roof.
- Repair the stone exteriors of four buildings.
- Upgrade the domestic hot water system for the Lysen/Gillen building.
- Complete the renovation of dormitories in the Lysen/Gillen building.
- Repair the deteriorated concrete or asphalt walkways on campus.

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- Purchase a back-up generator for Tate Hall and Lauritsen Gymnasium.
- Replace the 65 year old steam boilers in the central plant.
- Replace the domestic water lines in Tate Hall.
- Repair the deteriorated concrete or asphalt walkways on campus.
- Repair the stone exteriors of three buildings: Mott Hall, Pollard Hall, and Lauritsen Gymnasium.
- Renovate Pollard Hall to bring into compliance with Occupancy Codes for use of facility and to upgrade all HVAC systems to provide appropriate indoor air quality and environmental issues.
- Replacement of exterior windows for Quinn Hall.
- Replacement/repair/updating our exterior wood siding and tuck/point of our stone walls.
- Updating our science lab area to ensure compliance with code requirements and safety needs.
- Updating our sidewalks, access points and parking (drop off/pick-up locations) to improve safety for students, families and staff.

**Project Rationale**

Our ability to maintain the existing facilities has been severely limited by recent Asset Preservation allocations. The \$8.5 million that we are requesting will allow us to address many projects that have been deferred over the years. Increasing our asset preservation funds is our highest priority.

**Project Timeline****Other Considerations**

None.

**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets****Description of Previous Appropriations**

The State Academies received \$700,000 in 2014 for Asset Preservation. The State Academies received \$2,000,000 in 2017 for Asset Preservation.

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**Minnesota State Academies Track Project****AT A GLANCE****2018 Request Amount:** \$800**Priority Ranking:** 3**Project Summary:** The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$800,000 for its portion of construction costs for a track at the Minnesota State Academies.**Project Description**

This project has the support of local chapters of the National Federation for the Blind and the American Council for the Blind. Students from both campuses would use this facility. Constructing a track will provide students at the Academies an opportunity to participate in extracurricular athletics, something that is currently available to students in most other public secondary schools.

**Project Rationale**

This project will create a public/private partnership to construct a running track that will be used by students in both Academies. The project partner that is anticipated is the Foundation for the Academy for the Blind, a philanthropic organization with a history of providing financial support to schools for students who have a visual or hearing loss and the State of Minnesota.

**Project Timeline****Other Considerations****Impact on Agency Operating Budgets****Description of Previous Appropriations**

None.

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