

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2024	2026	2028
Asset Preservation	1	GO	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
MSAB Form Talking Library Space Renovation	2	GO	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pre-design for MSAD Student Center	3	GO	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pre-design for MSAB Therapy Pool/Therapeutic Hot tub Improvement	4	GO	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 0
Update our 10 Year Facilities Master Plan	5	GO	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Project Requests			\$ 5,700	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			\$ 5,700	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

Asset Preservation

AT A GLANCE

2024 Request Amount: \$2,500

Priority Ranking: 1

Project Summary: The State Academies are requesting 2.5 million in Asset Preservation funds to continue work on completion of projects and renovations to ensure compliance with ADA, safety/security concerns, and DHH/BVI accessibility needs on both campuses of the Minnesota State Academies. Previous requests were not fully funded so we are asking for continued funding to catch up with our backlog of necessary repairs/renovations.

Project Description

The State Academies operate boarding schools for deaf and blind students that reside throughout the state of Minnesota on their two campuses in Faribault. The campuses both contain dorms, cafeterias, classrooms, gyms, and offices. Asset Preservation appropriations, along with operating funds, are the only source of money the Academies have for maintaining their historic and varied facilities.

Projects covered by this include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Preservation of stone facades of various buildings on both campuses
- Replacement/repair of roofs on buildings
- Replacement/correction of deteriorated walks and drives
- Safety upgrades to doors and windows

Project Rationale

The money that we are requesting will allow us to address many projects that have been deferred over the years.

Our capital needs are extensive because many of our buildings are aging and require continued attention and renovations to meet current safety and accessibility codes. Our student population is also changing and requires additional accessibility features to be implemented.

Project Timeline

We will utilize the funds over the next 3-4 years to complete projects; however the exact timing will rely on guidance from RECS and the overall bidding process.

Other Considerations

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

Description of Previous Appropriations

The State Academies received \$700,000 in 2014, \$2,000,000 in 2017, \$2,000,000 in 2018, \$3,150,000 in 2020, and \$1,200,000 in 2023 for Asset Preservation.

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MSAB Form Talking Library Space Renovation**AT A GLANCE****2024 Request Amount:** \$2,500**Priority Ranking:** 2

Project Summary: The Minnesota State Academies is requesting 2.5 million to design and renovate the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) Library building that was recently vacated by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). The space was leased by MDE and called the Minnesota Talking Book and Braille Library. We are requesting funds to remedy asbestos and other failing systems in the building as well as designing upgrades to make the building accessible and functional for our students' use.

Project Description

To design and renovate the MSAB library building to match our students' current needs. The design will allow us to maximize the use of the building, ensure safety and accessibility, and remedy asbestos and any other potential dangerous materials in the building. This may include the possible removal of another building, relocating services and activities so that our maintenance and upkeep needs will be reduced.

Project Rationale

The building used to house the Minnesota Talking Book and Braille Library. After MDE made the decision to relocate their services to Minneapolis, this building will be vacant. We need to ensure that the building is safe and designed appropriately for our students to use.

Project Timeline

After funding is obtained, and MDE has fully vacated the space by September 30, 2023, we hope to start the project within one year. The anticipated duration of the project is also approximately one year.

Other Considerations**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

By improving the safety and accessibility of this building, we will reduce workmen compensation claims; avoid any litigation regarding accessibility; and ensure compliance with current laws, regulations, and codes. Some renovations will also reduce the manpower needed within our physical plant department to maintain buildings on our campuses

Description of Previous Appropriations

This is a new request due to MDE's decision to relocate their library to Minneapolis, leaving us with a vacant building on our campus.

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Predesign for MSAD Student Center**AT A GLANCE****2024 Request Amount:** \$300**Priority Ranking:** 3**Project Summary:** The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$300,000 to complete a predesign for the MSAD student center - with the goal of replacing some aging and inefficient buildings into a single accessible building that matches our current student needs.**Project Description**

To hire architects to evaluate our needs and recommend an energy efficient/low-maintenance building that is fully accessible and code compliant, potentially replacing up to 5 aging, high-maintenance buildings and outdated/inaccessible facilities. This center will incorporate our athletic/PE facilities; cafeteria; career/technical education; and other needs on our MSAD campus.

Project Rationale

We have aging and inefficient buildings on our MSAD campus that do not match our current safety, accessibility, and educational needs. Multiple buildings are over 90 years old and we need assistance in determining if renovation or replacement is more feasible. We anticipate reviewing the use of 5 buildings on the MSAD campus and potentially replacing them with a single building, saving costs in energy, maintenance, workmen compensation, and other related costs.

Project Timeline

After funding is obtained, we hope to consult with architects quickly and come up with a plan for consideration during the next legislative session.

Other Considerations**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

Future savings will be determined during the design process.

Description of Previous Appropriations

This is a request that has not been funded yet.

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Predesign for MSAB Therapy Pool/Therapeutic Hot tub Improvement

AT A GLANCE

2024 Request Amount: \$300

Priority Ranking: 4

Project Summary: The Minnesota State Academies are asking for \$300,000 to complete a predesign for the MSAB therapy pool/therapeutic hot tub and related site improvement - with the goal of replacing our failing therapy pool and related site improvements that are necessary for this project to happen (relocation of roads, power/water supply, academic/transition spaces, performing arts center, etc.)

Project Description

To hire an architectural firm to investigate and evaluate our existing pool conditions and propose a new design and cost estimates for relocating and building an accessible, energy efficient, and low maintenance pool area, including renovations of the existing pool area for academic/transition spaces/performing arts center, relocation of utilities, parking spaces and roads, and other necessary site improvements required to relocate the therapy pool and therapeutic hot tub so that they are fully accessible and compliant with current codes.

Project Rationale

We have a therapy pool/therapeutic hot tub that is aging – we have spent considerable time and funds trying to maintain and use the equipment/facilities and we believe it is time to replace them instead of continuing to invest additional funds/time. The current pool and hot tub are also challenging in terms of accessibility and we believe a new pool/tub could be designed to provide optimal accessibility for our multiple challenged blind/visually impaired students.

Project Timeline

After funding is obtained, we hope to consult with architects quickly and come up with a plan for consideration during the next legislative session.

Other Considerations

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

Future savings would be determined through the design process.

Description of Previous Appropriations

This request has not been funded yet.

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Update our 10 Year Facilities Master Plan

AT A GLANCE

2024 Request Amount: \$100

Priority Ranking: 5

Project Summary: The State Academies are requesting \$100,000 to update our 10-year Master Facilities Plan, including update and accurate mapping of our property boundaries.

Project Description

The State Academies will use the funds to hire an architect to update our 10-year Master Facilities Plan which will include updating and establishing accurate mapping of our property boundaries.

Project Rationale

Our Master Facilities plan has not been updated since 2012. In order to plan for future projects and ensure that our buildings/campuses continue to meet our students' current and long-term needs, we need to have the plan updated with additional information regarding our buildings and campuses so that we can utilize our resources more effectively.

Project Timeline

After funding is obtained, we hope to consult with architects quickly to establish a plan for consideration within the next school year.

Other Considerations

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

Future savings would be determined during the design process.

Description of Previous Appropriations

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