

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2026	2028	2030
Asset Preservation	1	GO	\$ 108,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000
		GF	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Rush City - Education and Programming Expansion	2	GO	\$ 60,668	\$ 0	\$ 0
Facility Consolidation Pre-Design	3	GO	\$ 350	\$ 0	\$ 0
Faribault - Dakota Building Vocational Programs Expansion	4	GO	\$ 10,712	\$ 0	\$ 0
Building Demolition - Crisis Condition Structures	5	GF	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Project Requests			\$ 192,730	\$ 109,000	\$ 109,000
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			\$ 179,730	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000
General Fund Cash (GF) Total			\$ 13,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

Asset Preservation

AT A GLANCE**2026 Request Amount:** \$120,000**Priority Ranking:** 1

Project Summary: Request \$120 million for Department of Corrections asset preservation. This project requests funding for repair, replacement and renewal needs specific to Minnesota's correctional facilities. These needs represent a system-wide assessment of facility deficiencies contributing to the current \$733.1 million in deferred maintenance needs. Asset preservation and capital projects are the primary financial means used to update building systems and reduce overall operating and maintenance costs.

Project Description

Referencing the Department of Administration's Enterprise Real Property report issued in 2024, the Department of Corrections (DOC) carries a deferred maintenance backlog in excess of \$733.1 million. This report illustrates a need for asset preservation funding, as 33% of the overall State of MN's deferred maintenance backlog is directly related to Department of Corrections' facilities. 39% of the DOC's building portfolio is either in crisis or poor status.

The project request funds the repair, replacement and upgrade needs specific to Minnesota Correctional Facilities. These needs represent a system-wide assessment of facility deficiencies within the DOC's 7.5 million square feet of buildings. Projects will address many of the following deficiencies:

- Safety hazards and code compliance issues
- Preservation of building exteriors and interiors
- Perimeter security systems replacements/upgrades
- Tuck pointing
- Roof replacements
- Domestic water systems deficiency repairs
- Life safety issues (fire suppression & fire alarm systems)
- Security audit deficiency corrections
- Mechanical and electrical upgrades
- Window replacements
- Hazardous material abatement
- Infrastructure upgrades (restoration of asphalt roads/parking area, drainage systems, etc.)
- ADA deficiency corrections

Approximately 10% of the total ask is requested as cash. This will allow the agency to fund many of

the complex technology heavy and non-bond eligible special systems used within the correctional settings.

Project Rationale

As the Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities age (three facilities are over 100 years old), the need becomes greater to maintain the condition of the buildings and systems. The asset preservation request is an attempt to implement a proactive plan, in lieu of a reactive or emergency response to building and system failures.

In recent years, asset preservation requests have become a basic component of the capital budget process. The key objective of asset preservation is to help reduce the amount of deferred maintenance and deferred renewal. These projects require completion so deficiencies can be properly addressed, and repairs made to maintain DOC facilities. Funding of these requests will reduce future capital requests and will result in overall security, safety and operating efficiencies.

Deferred maintenance was estimated at \$571M in 2017 and has progressively increased to \$733M as shown in the 2024 Facility Condition Assessments. Currently, there are 19 buildings in crisis and 58 buildings in poor condition, totaling 23% of the DOC's structures falling below a fair rating. Without an offset by several large asset preservation appropriations, the agency's deferred maintenance could exceed \$1B by 2030 if the historical increases continue.

Project Timeline

At the time of appropriation, multiple projects will be initiated, and each project will have varying schedules of completion. Discussions of "project bundling" with Real Estate & Construction Services have been ongoing to ensure effective project delivery of a large asset preservation request.

Other Considerations

The continued funding at the requested level for several biennia will enable the Department of Corrections to make a significant impact on its deferred maintenance backlog. The maintenance of correctional facilities is imperative to the safety of Minnesota citizens, incarcerated persons, staff, and volunteers who reside within the facilities, live within neighboring communities, or engage in a career supporting the agency's mission.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

The DOC has incurred a significant increase in utility costs over recent years. The requested funding not only upgrades our end-of-life buildings and infrastructure but also provides energy efficiency to our operations. Reduction in utility consumption will lead to positive impacts on annual operating budgets. In 2025, increased operating costs are not to be realized for any of the asset preservation request projects, however, energy savings will yield positive impacts across the agency for years to come.

Description of Previous Appropriations

The amounts below include GO and GF investments.

2012 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$5 million

2014 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$5.5 million

2016 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$0

2017 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$20 million

2018 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$20 million

2020 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$25 million

2022 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$0

2023 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$37.622 million

2024 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$0

2025 Asset Preservation Appropriation - \$33 million

2024 Governor Recommendation - \$81.434 million

2025 Governor Recommendation - \$53.015 million

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Rush City - Education and Programming Expansion

AT A GLANCE

2026 Request Amount: \$60,668

Priority Ranking: 2

Project Summary: Request \$60.668 million for expansion of incarcerated persons educational, rehabilitative, and programming space needs at the Rush City Correctional Facility. This project includes 28,340 gross square feet (gsf) of new building addition and 16,326 gsf of remodeling for a combined total of 44,666 gsf of incarcerated persons programming areas.

Project Description

As the Rush City Correctional Facility was first constructed, the incarcerated persons services were provided based on single bunking of housing cells, so when the facility double bunked every allowable cell, the Incarcerated Persons service spaces were immediately at or beyond capacity. As the facility increased its total bed capacity, it experienced a shortage in available space needed to provide the critical programming required to meet the mission of transforming lives for a safer Minnesota. This shortage of space has led to limited programs being provided and spaces such as the visiting area being used for incarcerated persons programming areas in which they are not properly equipped. Program and education staff are dispersed around the facility and not centrally located to their programs, and the high volumes of incarcerated persons using areas too small for them has created inefficiencies and restrictions to programming times and volumes of incarcerated persons served. It also has resulted in bottlenecks for incarcerated persons movement, resulting in additional staffing requirements for safety and security. This project will include the expansion of incarcerated persons services to include education, behavioral health, religious, medical, and professional visit and hearing rooms. Also included are expansions for staff support spaces and corrections to physical plant service areas, which were noted on the recent security audit. The building expansion includes 28,340 gsf of new addition space and 16,326 gsf of remodeled existing space, for a total of 44,666 gsf, to provide the necessary incarcerated persons services for the current population of the Rush City facility. This expansion, based on the spatial program included in the project study report, will provide for the facilities' needs and meet the current incarcerated persons programming, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, American Correctional Association (ACA) standards, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, and advancements in technology. This expansion is to correct the space needs for the current population and not intended to meet the service needs if additional housing units are added as a future part of the agency's overall master plan.

Project Rationale

Successful completion of this project will continue the Department of Corrections' vision of achieving justice through promotion of racial equity, restoration from harm and community connectedness as well as continuing with the agency's mission of transforming lives for a safer Minnesota.

Project Timeline

Design Development: July 2023 (2026 Capital Investment Appropriation funded)

Project Funding: July 2026

Design: February 2027 - February 2028

Bidding: April 2028

Award Negotiation: July 2028

Construction: September 2028 - October 2031

Mid-point of Construction: January 2030

Close-out: November 2031

Occupancy: December 2031

Other Considerations

This project helps contribute to the 30% reduction in energy per square foot by 2027 relative to a 2017 baseline for the DOC.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

No additional FTEs are needed for this expansion.

The facility currently has enough redundancy built into the heating and cooling systems that they will handle the additional loads for the expansion. By removing the inefficient portable building and being able to separate the new areas, the increase in utility bills will be negligible.

Description of Previous Appropriations

2024 Governor Recommendation - \$46.585 million in GO bonds

2025 Governor Recommendation - \$57.970 million in GO bonds

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Facility Consolidation Pre-Design

AT A GLANCE

2026 Request Amount: \$350

Priority Ranking: 3

Project Summary: Request \$350 thousand for pre-design of consolidation and expansion efforts. Pre-design efforts will emphasize additional capacity and programming space needs at existing DOC facilities and serve as a key capital investment map supporting the needs of Minnesota Correctional Facilities as MCF-Stillwater is phased out.

Project Description

The 2025 public safety omnibus bill directs the phased closure of MCF-Stillwater by June 30, 2029. In response, the Department of Corrections will begin reducing operations at the facility through transfers of incarcerated individuals to other DOC sites. However, this transition challenges capacity of other Minnesota Correctional Facilities and places added pressures on programming bandwidth. Studies are in process to best define feasibility of where capacity and programming can be expanded upon within these existing facilities. This pre-design request seeks to build on those findings by advancing the recommendation of the study and continue it into design efforts - laying the groundwork for future capital investments to support the needs of the agency over several biennia.

Project Rationale

Building off the ongoing feasibility studies, this pre-design will build the future capital requests aiding the agency in full closure of MCF-Stillwater.

Project Timeline

Pre-design Funded: July 2026

RFP Draft & Post: August 2026

Pre-design: October 2026 through February 2027

Close-out: March 2027

Other Considerations

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

NA for pre-design

Description of Previous Appropriations

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Faribault - Dakota Building Vocational Programs Expansion

AT A GLANCE

2026 Request Amount: \$10,712

Priority Ranking: 4

Project Summary: Request \$10.712 million to provide additional programming space at the Faribault facility minimum custody living unit. Incarcerated persons who transfer from medium custody to minimum custody have minimal programming options due to space requirements. This project demolishes a portion of the building that is currently in "crisis" condition, adds 4,383 gsf of new space, and provides renovation of 19,438 gsf to support additional programming.

Project Description

Demolition of a two-story masonry building in its entirety and the construction of a new 4,400 square foot addition to accommodate:

- Transition offices
- Case manager office
- Multi-purpose room (approximately 600 square feet with room dividers) to accommodate additional programming needs
- Storage
- Chapel
- Laundry
- I.T./mechanical/electrical room
- Men/Women restrooms
- ADA accessible accommodation to building entrance

The new construction is to be steel columns and beams with steel stud brick cavity walls and a wood truss roofing system with asphalt shingles. The addition is to visually blend with the existing building.

The extent of the renovation of the existing single-story Dakota building is based on an architectural analysis that was completed to determine deficiencies. The exterior elements include new roof systems, windows, and brick replacement/tuck pointing. The interior elements would consist of removal and replacement of cracked/chipped ceramic floor (trip hazards) and wall tile (mold issue), removal and replacement of stained/yellowed/chipped acoustical ceiling tile, removal and replacement of cracked/chipped vinyl flooring (trip hazards), and removal of very old faded, frayed carpet and replacement with new carpet tiles.

The site improvements would consist of asphalt paving of the parking lot and access road. The current asphalt paving has deteriorated to a point where patching is no longer effective. An extension of the parking area is a recreational area (basketball court) that has the same condition as the parking area

and will require an overlay.

Lower-level water mitigation issues have plagued this building for years, leading to mold covered basement areas in which staff must work to maintain necessary equipment while incarcerated persons are housed just one level above. Corrective actions to these issues will yield a safe and healthy living unit.

Project Rationale

Successful completion of this project will continue the Department of Corrections' vision of achieving justice through promotion of racial equity, restoration from harm and community connectedness as well as continuing with our mission of transforming lives for a safer Minnesota.

The needed renovation of the Dakota building will combine an expansion for training and education space to be used for vocational training and job preparation for individuals in the minimum security unit. The dedicated space will prioritize job skills and prepare individuals to re-enter, ready to work. The programming will partner with trade unions, educational institutions, and employers to enhance job readiness and contribute to expanding the trained workforce in Minnesota.

Component #1 - Demolition of the two-story building:

- An analysis of the existing building provided information that restoration would not be a cost-effective option given the condition, lack of ADA access, and required building code upgrades.
- In early 2019, a section of exterior wall (brick veneer) approximately 20' X 30' fell off of the building. This was due to water infiltration and freeze/thaw cycles contributed to the failure. The condition exists at other areas of the exterior wall which poses a safety hazard.

Component #2 - 4,383 square foot addition:

- Existing functions (laundry and chapel) within the first floor of the two-story brick building will be relocated to this new addition due to demolition.
- Due to a shortage of programming space within the minimum-security unit, space will be added to meet to add additional programming. Building support functions, such as restrooms, I.T. room, housekeeping, etc., will also be provided.
- The existing windows, roof and portions of the brick exterior are no longer serviceable and require replacement. The interior of the building will also require replacement of suspended ceilings and restroom/shower fixtures.

Component #3 - Interior renovation:

2023• The existing bathroom walls and floors require replacement due to cracked ceramic tile and missing grout causing water infiltration which compounds the issue, as well as potential for mold due to wet conditions from infiltration into the wall system. Various interior components (walls, ceiling, doorframes, ceiling tile, carpet, etc.) within the building are also required due to heavy use and wear and tear.

Component #4 - Site improvements:

- The existing asphalt paving has deteriorated to a point where potholes, cracks and areas of standing water have become a safety concern. An extension of the parking area is a recreational area (basketball court) that has the same condition as the parking area and will require an overlay. Complete water mitigation of lower levels to be provided to eliminate ongoing mold concerns.

Project Timeline

Design Development to 95% has been completed with FY21 capital appropriations

Project Funded: July 2026

Construction Bidding: July through August 2026

Construction Contract Award/Negotiation: September through October 2026

Construction: November 2026 through May 2028

Mid-point of Construction: September 2027

Close-out: October 2028

Occupancy: October 2028

Other Considerations

This project has been listed as a DOC capital project request in the years 2020 and 2022.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

Description of Previous Appropriations

\$954 thousand in GO bonds was appropriated for the design development of the project in Fiscal Year 2021. Funds have been encumbered and design development is at 95% completion. This request will be for the demolition, construction and renovation funds required to complete the project.

2023 Governor's Recommendation - \$9.705 million in GO bonds

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Building Demolition - Crisis Condition Structures

AT A GLANCE

2026 Request Amount: \$1,000

Priority Ranking: 5

Project Summary: Request \$1 million for demolition and site restoration of four crisis condition buildings at the MCF-Faribault facility. These buildings are positioned near the neighboring municipal park system boundary and are subject to frequent break ins from community members.

Project Description

MCF-Faribault has four total buildings consisting of approximately 20,816 sq ft of space. These buildings are all listed as crisis condition within Facility Condition Assessments and each one of them poses significant safety concerns to both staff and members of the public. These structures lie on the property boundary shared by a municipal park system and are often broken into by children and members of the community. General fund cash has been requested as these needs are non-bond eligible.

Project Rationale

Demolition of these structures will reduce the public safety hazards both in physical and hazardous risks as well as reduce the overall deferred maintenance backlog of the agency.

Project Timeline

- Project Funded: July 2026
- Construction Documents: August 2026
- Construction Bidding: November through Dec 2026
- Construction: March thru April 2027
- Close-out: June 2027

Other Considerations

Hazardous materials abatement will be required

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

Demolition of these structures will create a reduction in annual operational funding that is allocated towards annual facility condition assessments, physical security, and unplanned repairs after break-ins and incidents. A reduction in deferred maintenance will also be realized after demolition.

Description of Previous Appropriations

N/A

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