

State Academies

Projects Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2016	2018	2020
Asset Preservation	1	GO	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Minnesota State Academies Security Corridor Design	2	GO	\$ 54	\$ 0	\$ 0
Minnesota State Academies Track Project	3	GO	\$ 160	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Project Requests			\$ 8,214	\$ 0	\$ 0
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			\$ 8,214	\$ 0	\$ 0

Asset Preservation

AT A GLANCE**2016 Request Amount:** \$8,000**Priority Ranking:** 1**Project Summary:** The State Academies are requesting \$8,000,000 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**

There is an immediate and urgent need to fund the following projects in order to maintain state buildings on the two campuses in Faribault:

MN State Academy for the Blind

- Replace six air handlers that control heating and cooling in the dormitory and education areas.
- Replace the primary air conditioning unit in the Lysen/Gillen building.
- 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.

MN State Academy for the Deaf

- Replace the aging/deteriorated roof on Noyes Hall.
- Purchase a back-up generator for Tate Hall and Lauritsen Gymnasium.
- Replace the 65 year old steam boilers in the central plant.
- Replace all of the exterior windows in Quinn Hall.
- 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.

MN State Academy for the Blind and MN State Academy for the Deaf

- Update security camera systems

Project Rationale

Our ability to maintain the existing facilities has been severely limited by recent Asset Preservation allocations. The eight million dollars 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.

Other Considerations

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

None.

Description of Previous Appropriations

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Minnesota State Academies Security Corridor Design**AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$54**Priority Ranking:** 2**Project Summary:** The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$54,000 for a pre-design to develop a plan for a safety corridor on the MN State Academy for the Deaf campus.**Project Description**

Currently three school buildings have entrances approximately two hundred feet from each other. The goals of the security corridor would be to create a single entrance which would control student, staff, and public access to the buildings and would be similar to the entrance to the State Academy for the Blind.

Project Rationale

Increasing student and staff safety has been a high priority for the State Academies since the last major school shooting three years ago in Connecticut. 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.

Other Considerations**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

None.

Description of Previous Appropriations**Project Contact Person**

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Minnesota State Academies Track Project**AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$160**Priority Ranking:** 3**Project Summary:** The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$160,000 for its portion of construction costs for a track on the grounds of the MN State Academy for the Blind.**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 partners are anticipated to be the Foundation for the Academy for the Blind, another 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. Each participant in the project would contribute approximately 1/3rd of the total cost. At this time, the Foundation has already committed \$40,000 to the advancement of this project.

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

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