

# FACT SHEET | Improving and Repairing State Buildings

2018 Public Works Bill for a Better Minnesota

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Delaying needed maintenance projects, even small ones, can have a damaging impact on the state's long-term finances. Costs only increase as older buildings deteriorate further, while new items are added to the growing list of deferred repair and improvement projects. Governor Dayton's public works proposal would begin to reverse the underinvestment in basic state infrastructure. The Governor's proposal would invest \$998 million to improve and repair state buildings and other critical infrastructure, helping to reduce needed deferred maintenance at aging facilities across the state.

- **Investing in Clean, Affordable Water for Minnesotans** – All Minnesotans have a stake in water that is safe for drinking, swimming, and fishing. To ensure Minnesotans have access to clean, reliable, affordable water, Governor Dayton's 2018 public works proposal would invest \$167 million to modernize Minnesota's aging clean water infrastructure, support farmers as they make water-quality improvements, and protect groundwater from contamination. To learn more about how Governor Dayton's 2018 public works proposal invests in clean, affordable water, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Ensuring Access to Safe, Affordable Housing** – More than 554,000 Minnesota households spend at least 30 percent of their income on rent or mortgage payments. With Minnesotans spending a higher percentage of their incomes on housing, they have fewer resources for other essentials such as education, food, healthcare, and transportation. Governor Dayton's public works proposal would invest \$115 million to improve access to safe, affordable housing, and ensure public housing remains safe and healthy for its residents. These investments will build upon the work the Dayton Administration has done since 2011 to expand access to affordable housing, and support the work of the new [Governor's Task Force on Housing](#). To learn more about Governor Dayton's 2018 public works proposal invests in strong communities, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Maintaining, Restoring, and Improving State Facilities

Instead of letting problems build, any home or car owner can tell you that basic preventative care will save you money in the long-run. Governor Dayton's 2018 public works proposal applies that same commonsense approach to state building assets – by investing \$458 million in the restoration and maintenance of current state facilities. Improving infrastructure before it deteriorates will save taxpayer money and protect state assets for future generations of Minnesota to use. The Governor's proposal invests in projects including state laboratory improvements, psychiatric hospital renovations, and mechanical system replacement at buildings all across Minnesota.

- **Centennial Office Building Modernization** – The Centennial Office Building houses a number of critical state functions, including the Minnesota IT Security Operations Center, which is charged with protecting millions of Minnesotans' private data and more than \$28 billion in annual transactions from attack. However, the building, which is nearly 60 years old, lacks modern heating and cooling systems, electrical systems, and has a deteriorating roof. To ensure the building continues to meet the needs of Minnesotans, Governor Dayton's public works proposal would invest \$3.2 million to complete design work necessary for the future restoration of the structure.
- **State Laboratory Improvements** – The Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture share a laboratory used to test food for pesticides, food-borne pathogens, and environmental contaminants; detect and control infectious diseases; test drinking water for hazardous chemicals; and detect rare, but treatable disorders in newborns. Governor Dayton's 2018 public works bill would invest \$19.9 million to reduce the risk of cross contamination of samples, replace deteriorating ductwork, and create a dedicated biosafety laboratory space needed to test food for anthrax, plague, and ricin.
- **Deferred Maintenance at Correctional Facilities** – The Minnesota Department of Corrections maintains 314 buildings across the state, including 59 building that are in poor or critical condition. The agency estimates that the buildings collectively need \$571 million in deferred maintenance work. This year, the Governor has proposed investing \$40 million in his public works bill for projects including perimeter security systems, lighting improvements, roof replacements, and code compliance issues.

- **Lino Lakes and Willow River Correctional Facility Improvements** – Governor Dayton has proposed a \$5.2 million investment to renovate an existing building at the Lino Lakes Correctional Facility with bed space for up to 60 male offenders, helping alleviate the housing shortage currently facing the agency. The Governor also has proposed an additional \$1.7 million to add 45 beds to the Willow River Challenge Incarceration Program, which uses a boot-camp style approach to rehabilitate non-violent offenders. Research has found the program reduces recidivism by 35 percent.
- **Plumbing and Ventilation Improvements at the St. Cloud Prison** – Originally built in 1889, the St. Cloud Prison is the oldest facility in the state correctional system. Most of the plumbing dates back to at least the 1950s, while many of the cells have poor ventilation. A major failure with the plumbing or ventilation systems could render housing uninhabitable resulting in the need to re-locate 180 offenders per unit. To resolve these issues, Governor Dayton has proposed a \$16.2 million investment to update plumbing and ventilation at the prison.
- **Historic Site Preservation** – The Minnesota Historical Society maintains 141 landmark buildings, trails, and museum across the state, which are visited by nearly 600,000 people each year. Governor Dayton's public works proposal includes \$10.4 million for the preservation and restoration of historic structures, landscapes, and building all across the state. This investment will help ensure that Minnesota landmarks remain in good condition for future generations to enjoy.
- **Improvements at MSOP St. Peter Facility** – Minnesota Sex Offender Program is charged with treating individuals who are deemed to have a “sexual psychopathic personality” or be a “sexually dangerous person.” To ensure the program remains well-equipped to treat these individuals, Governor Dayton has proposed a \$16.2 million investment to design, remodel and construct, and furnish and equip existing buildings on the lower campus of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center.
- **St. Peter Dietary Building Ventilation Improvements** – The St. Peter Dietary Building was originally constructed in the late 1960s. Today, it prepares approximately 2,000 meals a day for 650 clients in the Minnesota Security Hospital and the Minnesota Sex Offender Program. The Governor's public works bill includes a \$2.2 million investment to update the building's heating, cooling, and ventilation systems.
- **Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Renovations** – The Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center is the state's second-largest psychiatric hospital, serving people who are living with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder. The Governor's public works bill includes \$6.8 million to replace aging roofs on three residential buildings, replace leaking metal cladding, and install new heating and cooling equipment, fire sprinklers, and lighting systems. The proposal also includes \$5.8 million to design and remodel a vacant space into a location where hospital staff can evaluate new patients for mental illness. This specialized admissions unit will enable clinical staff to determine where patients will receive the most appropriate level of care.
- **Residential Facilities for MSOP Clients** – Governor Dayton has proposed a \$13.9 million investment to design and construct two residential treatment facilities for Minnesota Sex Offender Program clients. The new facilities will serve clients who are suited for less restrictive treatment, but have medical conditions requiring assistance. As part of the program, GPS ankle bracelet monitoring devices would be used to supervise and monitor MSOP clients.
- **National Guard Readiness Centers** – Readiness Centers (formerly called armories) serve as headquarters for National Guard units, training facilities, community centers, and staging areas during natural disaster responses. However, many Minnesota National Guard Readiness Centers are beyond their useful lives and need renovation. This year, Governor Dayton has proposed \$4.5 million for the St. Cloud Readiness Center, \$2.2 million for the Wadena Readiness Center, \$4.1 million for the Brainerd Readiness Center, \$2.1 million for the Grand Rapids Readiness Center, \$10.5 million for the Rosemount Readiness Center, and \$2.2 million for the Fergus Falls Readiness Center. These resources will fund updates to heating and cooling systems, fire code improvements, sewer and plumbing upgrades, and renovations designed to ensure facilities built decades ago are able to accommodate all servicemembers.
- **Department of Natural Resources Improvements** – The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources manages 75 state parks and recreation areas, 56 primitive campgrounds in state forests, 5,000 campsites,

35 state water trails, over 3,000 public boat launches, 360 fishing piers and shorefishing sites, and over 1,300 miles of state trails. Governor Dayton's public works bill includes \$130 million to help maintain these existing assets, which the department estimates have total value of approximately \$3 billion, for all Minnesotans to enjoy.

- **Modernizing Aging DNR Facilities** – The Governor's public works bill includes \$10 million to modernize Department of Natural Resources sanitation buildings and fish hatcheries. These funds would be used to improve facilities near Bemidji, Spicer, New London, Hibbing, International Falls, Cloquet, and Worthington. The public works bill also includes an additional \$10 million to improve accessibility and meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act in several existing state parks.
- **Critical Infrastructure at Perpich Center for the Arts** – Governor Dayton's public works bill includes \$4 million to maintain, repair, or replace boilers, plumbing, cooling systems, and elevators at Perpich Center for Arts Education. The school regularly maintains a graduation rate between 94 and 100 percent, with 60 to 65 percent attending higher education directly from high school.
- **Monument Restoration at the State Capitol** – The Minnesota State Capitol Complex has 23 memorials and monuments and one tribute located throughout its ceremonial grounds and public spaces. Some of these monuments are more than a century old. Over the years, the normal weathering process has taken its toll on memorials to the point that they are beginning to deteriorate rapidly. This year, the Governor has proposed a \$3.2 million investment to repair and restore these testaments to Minnesota's past.
- **Improvements at the Minnesota State Academies** – The Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf were created in 1863 to serve deaf and blind students. Governor Dayton's public works proposal includes \$5.3 million to create a central point of access to Smith, Noyes, 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 by establishing a check-in location. The public works bill also includes \$4.5 million to replace heating and cooling systems in the dormitories, update the plumbing, modernize lab space, and repair concrete. In addition, the proposal includes \$2.6 million to renovate the dormitories to better meet the needs of students.
- **Modernizing Aging Transportation Department Facilities** – The Minnesota Department of Transportation maintains 1,075 facilities across the state, which provide space for staff, equipment, and materials including snow plows and salt. At least 30 percent of these facilities are in "fair" or worse condition, with 21 deemed to be in "crisis" condition. The Governor's public works bill includes \$40 million to renovate current facilities and construct new buildings to meet operational needs.
- **Veterans Homes and Cemetery Improvements** – Governor Dayton's public works proposal includes \$13.1 million to renovate and upgrade five veterans homes across the state and the Little Falls Cemetery. The funding would allow the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to complete a variety of work including mechanical and electrical replacements and repairs, water damage repair, and repairs to high pressure boilers.

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For a full list of all projects included in Governor Dayton's public works proposal, [CLICK HERE](#).