



MINNESOTA ZOO

2022 Capital Investment request

Zoo's Request

Animal Hospital Project

\$10 million

Lakeside Plaza Replacement Project plus Asset Preservation

\$16.8 million

TOTAL: \$26.8 million

ANIMAL HOSPITAL PROJECT

\$10 million

The Zoo's animal hospital, built in 1975, predates the opening of the Zoo and requires significant renovation to meet industry standards for animal care. In order to meet industry standards, we must eliminate:

- animal and human safety hazards
- inadequate HVAC and plumbing systems
- outdated electrical services

This project will provide a modern veterinary technology and best animal care practices by adding things such as a(n):

- ambulance bay for safe animal transport
- nutritional laboratory for diet analysis and preparation
- Intensive Care Unit for small and large animals housed at the Zoo
- animal surgical suite and aseptic holding facilities for large animal species
- conference and education programmatic space for visiting veterinarians
- medical equipment storage area
- biosecurity control measures to prevent cross-contamination between animal areas
- proper isolation of hospitalized patients away from quarantined animals
- compatible animal programs and update workspaces



Surgery room currently doubles as the only option for an intensive care unit.



Treatment room has remained unchanged since 1976 – lacking necessary equipment to treat animals onsite.



There is a need to not only improve animal health care capability but also to provide a safe and functional work environment for our staff.

ASSET PRESERVATION

\$16.8 million

Maintaining a zoo the size, age and complexity of the Minnesota Zoo requires ongoing infrastructure investment to keep facilities functional and safe.

The Zoo's asset preservation request addresses a immediate and critical infrastructure project; namely, the Lakeside Plaza Replacement Project at the Minnesota Zoo.

This funding will allow us to:

- replace the failing infrastructure of Lakeside Plaza to ensure the main thoroughfare and access ramp is ADA compliant and continues to provide a safe gathering space for families
- renovate animal holding space below the deteriorating infrastructure
- update mechanical systems housed below the affected structure.



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