



2024 Capital Investment Request

The International Wolf Center opened in 1993 after State bond funds and donor support paid for the renovation of an old U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center to house the Center's exhibits. The building is now owned and managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Lease fees from the International Wolf Center pay for repairs to the building, but several systems have reached the end of their life span (30+ years) and need to be updated and/or replaced. The International Wolf Center is seeking support for these critical repairs to allow our educational work to continue.

TOTAL FUNDING NEED\$2,150,000

HVAC replacement.....\$937,500

Replace/update HVAC control system

Replace boilers serving large exhibit and common area

Replace the main air handler serving large exhibit/common area

Replace grade mounted RTU serving the Auditorium

Right: The top priority for the Center is to replace the 30-year-old HVAC system. The system is inefficient and increasingly difficult to maintain. In 2020, the Center experienced 58 days with inadequate heating/cooling. In 2021, that number increased to 73 days.



Roof replacement\$353,000

Shingle replacement

Insulation replacement

Ice and water shield

Right: A leaking roof is damaging ceilings.

Far right: An ice and water shield is needed to help mitigate damage from harsh winters.



General drainage improvements\$41,534

Piping, grading,
catchbasins, etc.

Right: In 2019, a spring flood pushed up water in a pipe meant solely for electrical conduit.

Far right: The same flood left water standing where the Center's new exhibit was being installed.



Entrance/Lobby\$732,789

Improve accessibility
Improve visitor access/security
Restroom upgrades

Building was constructed before modern ADA standards. The entrance and lobby need to be remodeled for accessibility, security and visitor flow.



Other exterior repairs/site improvements\$85,085

Window replacements
Re-stain building exterior



Far left: The Center's exterior is in need of new stain.

Left: Several windows need to be replaced. Some leak and/or don't seal completely.