Department of Corrections – 2026 Bonding Priorities

Senate Capital Investment Committee – February 19, 2026

Current Realities in State Corrections

- Over **4,300 staff** and about **8,000 incarcerated persons**
- **97%** of the DOC's budget is appropriated by the state GF
- The DOC has the **Constitutional obligation** to provide care, services, and a standard of living
  - Must maintain state safety through security and rehabilitation
  - Must be staff and operational **24/7/365**
- **MCF-Stillwater** scheduled for closure by June 30, 2029
  - First prison closure in DOC history
  - Incarcerated capacity **reduced by 50%** in October 2025
    - From 1,189 in May 2025 to 553

Systemwide Need

- Minnesota's prison population remains stable, but **infrastructure continues to be challenged**
- The DOC has maintained safety and continued providing health care, treatment, programming, and education through recent changes to population across facilities
- To sustain and advance this important public safety work, the state must:
  - Keep up with aging facilities
  - Expand program and treatment capacity
  - Better align with incarcerated population's needs and capacity statewide
- Two bonding projects underway (MCF-Shakopee and MCF-Lino Lakes), but **needs remain statewide**

2025 Capital Investment Bill for Corrections

$33 million for Asset Preservation for the DOC

- Over 30 projects across 10 facilities
  - Water main, roofing, sewage repairs, and more
  - No new MCF-Stillwater projects
- $32 million spent thus far
- Saving $1 million for emergency contingency

$7.4 million for MCF-Lino Lakes programming space expansion

- Construction has begun

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2025 Department of Corrections Asset Preservation

Date: 02/13/2026

Legislative Approval for 2025: $33,000,000
Net Amount Spent for Asset Preservation Projects: $31,948,396
Remaining: $1,051,604

Below is a list of projects at each facility funded through encumbered asset preservation funds appropriated under 2025 Session Laws, Chapter 15, Art. 1, Sec. 19.

Project Description	Project Totals	Totals
Faribault		
Tunnel Repairs - Supplement to 23 Funds	$951,000	
Domestic Water Quality Upgrades	$4,000,000	
ADA Pathways Paving Upgrades	$64,601	
Emergency MAU Coil Upgrade	$85,920	
Emergency Water Main Repair 11/12/2025	$25,500	
Emergency Water Main Repair 12/09/2025	$20,000	
		$5,147,021
Lino Lakes		
Segregation & Triad Cooling - Supplement to 23 Funds	$618,995	
Dish Room Upgrades	$1,418,000	
		$2,036,995
Moose Lake		
Fire Alarm Upgrades	$2,000,000	
Upgrade Industry Stairs	$89,042	
Upgrade Roofing Systems	$986,000	
		$3,075,042
Oak Park Heights		
Deferred Maintenance Project - Bundle Approach	$3,000,000	
DHW Piping Upgrades		
Chiller Upgrades		
Tuck Pointing & Sealants		
		$3,000,000
Red Wing		

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2026 DOC Capital Investment Priorities

Asset Preservation - $51.921M GO; $1M GF

Rush City Education & Program Expansion - $60.7M

Facility Strategic Modernization Pre-Design - $350k

Demolition of Crisis Condition Structures - $1M GF

#1 – Asset Preservation

$52.921 million ($51.921 million GO bonds, $1 million GF cash)

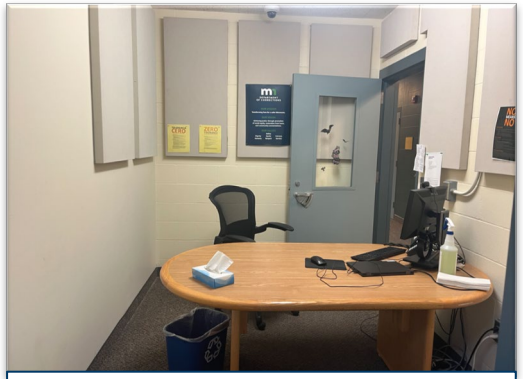
- Addresses **$781 million deferred maintenance backlog**
  - **34%** of the state's deferred maintenance is DOC
  - Without investment, backlog could **exceed $1 billion by 2030**
- **23%** of DOC buildings are in crisis or poor condition
- DOC's AP list includes more than **150 projects** awaiting funds
- Projects include:
  - Life safety and code compliance
  - Roof and window replacement
  - Security and mechanical systems
  - ADA and hazardous materials corrections
- Emergencies pop up and projects get pushed further down the list

#2 – Rush City Education & Program Expansion

$60.7 million (GO Bonds)

- Adding 28,340 sq. ft. and repurposing 16,326 sq. ft. for education, treatment, and visiting space
- Rush City incarcerates men who are **high risk and thus high need** for rehabilitative programming and services
- Facility is at **double its original capacity even before the Stillwater closure,** with no increase in programming space - except for a "temporary" mobile trailer.

Detached mobile trailer used for sex offender treatment



One of only two behavior health offices in the facility

Classrooms are cramped and cannot accommodate the need

#3 – Corrections Strategic Modernization Pre-Design

$350,000 (GO Bonds)

- Develops a pre-design for DOC capacity and services needs **planning into the future**
  - Considerations for high-need incarcerated persons
  - Increasing capacity at facilities, including bed space, programming, and services
- Building upon ongoing Faribault feasibility study
  - Update of 2015 expansion study
- Will help state **guide future capital investments**

#4 – Demolition of Crisis Condition Structures
$1 million (GF cash)

- Removes four crisis-condition buildings totaling 20,800 sq. ft.
- Pose **ongoing safety and security risks**
- Includes hazardous materials abatement and site restoration
- Reduces total deferred maintenance and liability
- Demolition without replacement **can only be paid for in GF cash**

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Capital Investment in the DOC

DOC is doing the work, but the infrastructure has to keep up.

- Staff provide security, care, and services for thousands of incarcerated persons living in our facilities 24/7/365
- Buildings and systems are aging, with almost a quarter in crisis condition.

DOC's 2026 capital investment priorities:

- Keep facilities safe and functional
- Expand program space where need is high
- Plan responsibly for the future

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