



**2010 Report to the Legislature
Construction Project Priority
Listing**

Legislative Charge

2009 Minnesota Laws Chap. 94 Art. 3 Sec 23

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING STATUS.

In accordance with completed predesign documents, veterans population surveys, and the 2008 department construction project priority listing, the commissioner of veterans affairs shall continue to plan, develop, and pursue federal funding and other resources for the construction of projects on the listing. In consultation with the Veterans Affairs Strategic Planning Group and the Veterans Health Care Advisory Council, the commissioner must consider possible options for treatment, including, but not limited to, traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder, and psycho-geriatric care. By January 15, 2010, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans homes policy and finance regarding the status of the department construction project priority listing and the activities required under this section. Priority for future Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs building projects shall be given to proposals for which state money has previously been appropriated.

Estimated Cost of Preparing this Report (as required by Minn. Stat. § 3.197)

Staff time: \$75
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Federal VA State Home Grants Construction Priority Listing Status Report

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs does not have control over the Federal VA State Home Construction Grant Priority list. The priority list established is based on life safety issues and the state's ability to provide a 35 percent match. The amount of funding is determined by Congress.

The MDVA was legislatively directed to keep the Kandiyohi facility on the project priority list. The Department will continue to list the Kandiyohi facility on the bonding list of priorities, as was done in the 2008 and again in the 2010 legislative session request. However, the local community or state has not met the financial requirement or commitment of 35 percent for the Kandiyohi facility project. Until the 35 percent match is provided, the Federal VA will not move the project to a priority one status.

The following Minnesota projects are under design or construction with 65 percent Federal VA participation:

- Silver Bay Nursing Care Space Renovation
- Fergus Falls 21 bed Alzheimers/Dementia addition (Stimulus Funding)
- Minneapolis Bldg 9 demo/Construction New Bldg 9
- Minneapolis Adult Day Healthcare Renovation Bldg 4
- Hastings Water Replacement

2010 Federal VA State Home Construction Grant Priority List: Priority Levels 2 – 7

- (64) Minneapolis Building 17 Resident Room Upgrade
- (67) Minneapolis Resident Building 17 Renovation
- (90) Minneapolis Kitchen/Dining Room Renovation
- (92) Minneapolis New Chapel
- (93) Minneapolis Renovation, Phase 2
- (96) Minneapolis Renovate Building 13
- (97) Minneapolis Renovate Building 16, Phase 2
- (99) Montevideo 90-bed NHC (NEW)
- (110) Willmar 90-bed NHC (NEW)