

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	Project Requests for State Funds		
			2022	2024	2026
MDA East Grand Forks Building Repair	1	GO	\$ 275	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Project Requests			\$ 275	\$ 0	\$ 0
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			\$ 275	\$ 0	\$ 0

MDA East Grand Forks Building Repair**AT A GLANCE**

2022 Request Amount:	\$275
Priority Ranking:	1
Project Summary:	\$275,000 is requested to repair and modernize the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's building located in East Grand Forks, MN, which houses the Plant Protection Division's Potato Inspection unit.

Project Description

This proposal seeks appropriated funds from the Minnesota Legislature to address deferred maintenance improvements and modernize the 8,000 sq.ft. building owned by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) located at 312 4th Ave NE, East Grand Forks, MN. Improvements will bring the facility up to current standards and allow for the MDA to continue to provide services out of the facility safely. Renovations would improve efficiency, meet current health and safety standards and address noted deficiencies.

This project would cover existing internal and external portions throughout the 8,000 sq. ft. building. With an expected cost of roughly \$275,000 the project would address the roof and exterior finishes as well as interior fixtures and finishes. A project manager would be hired to facilitate scheduling and subcontract the required contractors to address each critical improvement to meet State of Minnesota standards. A portion of the overall budget is set aside in the event of abatement of asbestos tiles, as there is a risk of them containing asbestos given the production and install date. Finally, a substantial amount of inflationary costs has been budgeted at the recommendation of consulted contractors given the volatile nature of building materials at the time of proposal preparation.

Project Rationale

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture Facility Manager has identified several components of the East Grand Forks building that need to be addressed in the near future to maintain safety and modernization standards. This building is used primarily by the Plant Protection Division for potato related services including Seed Potato Certification, laboratory testing for potato pathogens, potato cyst nematode survey, USDA shipping point inspections and federal crop insurance grading. The facility currently houses five full time employees and often hosts potato growers for meetings or submission of samples for testing.

Project Timeline

This project intends to begin in July 1, 2022 and the first steps would be to identify a project manager in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Facility Manager. The project manager would be identified by November 1, 2022 and begin the process of identifying contractors to perform the improvements. Contractors would be identified by March 1, 2023 with work performed over the following year through March 2024. This timeline should be sufficient to allow for any delays and all

work could be completed with final invoices paid by June 30, 2024.

Other Considerations

This building is owned and operated independently by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and is not maintained by the Department of Administration's Facility Management.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

There is no change to annual operating budgets.

Description of Previous Appropriations

Laws of Minnesota for 2015, 1st Special Session, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 7- appropriated \$50,000 in general obligation bonds to the commissioner of administration for the replacement of the windows in the East Grand Forks potato inspection facility.

Laws of Minnesota for 2008, Chapter 179, Section 10 - appropriated \$20,000 in general obligation bonds to the commissioner of administration to replace the roof of the potato inspection unit building located in East Grand Forks.

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