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# Veterans Affairs, Department of

Projects Summary (\$ in Thousands)

Project Title	2012 Agency Priority	Agency Project Request for State Funds (\$ by Session)				Governor's Recommendations	Governor's Planning Estimate	
	Ranking	2012	2014	2016	Total	2012	2014	2016
Mpls Nursing Care Bed Replacement - Phase 3	1	\$30,745	\$0	\$0	\$30,745	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mpls Building 13 Centralized Pharmacy	2	950	0	0	950	0	0	0
Asset Preservation	3	6,732	0	0	6,732	0	0	0
Mpls Campus Distribution and Service Tunnel	4	2,700	0	0	2,700	0	0	0
Mpls Veterans Home Tuckpointing	5	2,100	0	0	2,100	0	0	0
Veterans Homes Lifts	6	385	0	0	385	0	0	0
Silver Bay Resident Porches	7	600	0	0	600	0	0	0
Hastings Water Tower Painting	8	350	0	0	350	0	0	0
Total Project Requests		\$44,562	\$0	\$0	\$44,562	\$0	\$0	\$0

# Mpls Nursing Care Bed Replacement - Phase 3

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$30,745,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 1 of 8

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

#### **Project At A Glance**

- Phase 3 of Minneapolis campus bed replacement project.
- Improves quality of life.
- Decreases maintenance costs.
- Improves staff efficiencies.
- May qualify for 65 percent federal VA reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$30.745 million to demolish, design, construct and furnish a new skilled nursing building on the Minneapolis campus. The new building will improve quality of life for residents.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project involves bed replacement; therefore it would not require addition funds to operate. Operational efficiencies in the new building may reduce costs.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

\$12.25 million of the demolition and construction cost (phase 2) of the North Building 17 was appropriated in 2010.

#### **Other Considerations**

This project may qualify for federal funding reimbursement. However, because of the uncertainty of when VA approval would be received, the

department is requesting the full amount and will seek reimbursement for the 65 percent federal share at a later time.

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Governor's Recommendations (To be completed by MMB at a later date)

# Veterans Affairs, Department of Mpls Building 13 Centralized Pharmacy

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$950,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 2 of 8

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 

#### Project At A Glance

- Renovate unoccupied historic building #13
- Centralize agency pharmacy
- Utilize automated technologies
- May qualify for 65 percent federal VA reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$950,000 to predesign, design, remodel and furnish a historic building to be used as the veterans' homes central pharmacy. This project will increase staff efficiencies by utilizing automated prescription filling technologies.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project may require additional funds to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

None.

#### **Other Considerations**

This project may qualify for federal funding reimbursement. However, because of the uncertainty of when VA approval would be received, the department is requesting the full amount and will seek reimbursement for the 65 percent federal share at a later time.

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## Asset Preservation

#### 2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$6,732,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 3 of 8

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

#### Project At A Glance

- Provides funding for upgrades to over 50 buildings statewide
- Funding would provide a safe environment to care for vulnerable adults.
- Ensures continued full use of all physical assets
- Timely repair/replacement of building components eliminates future high costs
- Projects located at the five veterans homes as well as the Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls
- Does not qualify for federal reimbursement

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$6.7 million for department wide renovation and upgrades of the 50 buildings in the agency. Nine of these building have 24/7 occupancy requiring ongoing repair and maintenance support. This request will address building repair items that go beyond the day to day maintenance needs of each facility. This request will also assure facilities used to care for over 900 residents are in good condition.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

The nature of these projects should not impact ongoing operational costs.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

Past amounts appropriated are as follows: \$4 million in 2008, \$4 million in 2010. All of these accounts are being used with 95 percent of these funds encumbered for ongoing projects.

#### **Other Considerations**

This project is not eligible for funding reimbursement.

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### **Project Narrative**

# Mpls Campus Distribution and Service Tunnel

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$2,700,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 4 of 8

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 

#### Project At A Glance

- Design and construct distribution and service tunnel on the Minneapolis Veteran's Home campus.
- The project may qualify for 65 percent federal VA reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request includes a new distribution/service tunnel to serve buildings 17N, 9, 6, and the future 17S. The tunnel will allow for HVAC distribution, dietary, housekeeping and maintenance services to move between buildings without disturbing residents and visitors on the campus.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project may require additional funds to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

\$12.25 million was appropriated in 2010 for North 17 demolition and construction of a new building.

#### Other Considerations

This project may qualify for federal funding reimbursement. However, because of the uncertainty of when VA approval would be received, the department is requesting the full amount and will seek reimbursement of the federal share at a later time.

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# Veterans Affairs, Department of Mpls Veterans Home Tuckpointing

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$2,100,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 5 of 8

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

#### **Project At A Glance**

- Repair historic masonry clad buildings on the Minneapolis Veteran
- Homes Campus.
- Maintain integrity of buildings.
- Resist water damage to interior of buildings.
- May be eligible for 65 percent federal reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$2.1 million to predesign, design and repair joints on all masonry clad buildings on the Minneapolis campus. Findings from a condition study conducted in May 2011 have determined that there is significant deterioration throughout the 11 buildings on the campus. The study has prioritized the buildings by need.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project would not require any additional funding to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

None.

#### **Other Considerations**

This project may qualify for federal funding reimbursement. However, due to the uncertainty of when VA approval would be received, the department is requesting the full project amount and will seek federal reimbursement for 65 percent of the project cost at a later time.

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# Veterans Homes Lifts

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$385,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 6 of 8

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

#### **Project At A Glance**

- Furnish and install fixed track trolley lifts in 25 percent of skilled nursing resident rooms throughout all Veterans Homes.
- Reduce staff injuries.
- Increase resident safety during transitions.
- Increase resident mobility and safety.
- May be eligible for 65 percent federal reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$385,000 which is 35 percent of total project costs. The remaining funds will be requested through federal grant reimbursement program. This project would furnish and install fixed track trolley lifts in 25 percent of skilled nursing resident rooms throughout all five Veterans Homes.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project would not require additional funds to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

None.

#### **Other Considerations**

Installing the trolley lifts will decrease staff injuries and increase resident safety and mobility.

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## Silver Bay Resident Porches

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$600,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 7 of 8

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

#### **Project At A Glance**

- Build two four-season porches at the end of the special care household at the Silver Bay veterans homes.
- Increase resident living space.
- New programming space to promote gardening.
- Improve quality of life.
- May qualify for 65 percent federal reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$600,000 to design and construct two four-season porches that will be attached to the special care households. The space will be for resident programming that will promote gardening and important access to natural light.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project may require any additional funding to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

None.

#### **Other Considerations**

Weather in Silver Bay would require porch enclosures to maximize resident use.

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# Veterans Affairs, Department of Hastings Water Tower Painting

2012 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST: \$350,000

AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY: 8 of 8

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 

#### **Project At A Glance**

- Painting of interior and exterior of Camus water tower.
- Mitigation of lead paint.
- Maintain structural integrity and stabilize infrastructure.
- May be eligible for 65 percent federal reimbursement.

#### **Project Description**

This request is for \$350,000 for the painting of the Hastings Veterans Home water tower. It will also cover the mitigation of existing lead paint on the tower.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

This project would not require any additional funds to operate.

#### **Previous Appropriations for this Project**

None.

#### Other Considerations

This request is for 35 percent of the total cost of the project. The remaining funds will be requested through the federal grant reimbursement program.

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