

2025 CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUEST: JOHN ROSE MN OVAL



A World-Class Venue and Regional Asset

The Guidant John Rose MN OVAL is a world-class facility and home to the largest outdoor refrigerated ice sheet in North America—featuring 110,000 square feet of pristine, refrigerated ice. It welcomes more than 200,000 visitors annually and is one of only four major speedskating ovals in the United States. The OVAL offers Minnesotans a rare opportunity to speedskate, play bandy, hockey, or enjoy recreational skating in a truly one-of-a-kind setting.

The facility is home to numerous regional and state-wide user groups, including Greater MN Speedskating, Midway Speedskating, USA and MN Bandy, and several local hockey organizations. It has hosted countless elite athletes, including former Olympians.

State and Local Partnership

Due to its regional, statewide, and even international significance, the OVAL has been a joint venture since its inception. Its original construction in 1992–1993 was funded with support from the State of Minnesota. The state has also invested in capital improvements in 1998, 2006, 2008, and 2020.

The City of Roseville continues to fund annual operating costs and has made substantial capital investments as well. Additionally, a dedicated 501(c)(3) nonprofit—Friends of the OVAL—has contributed nearly \$1 million to OVAL improvements since 2005.

In 2020, the State provided \$3.9 million of a \$5 million request, funding the first phase of critical improvements—completed on time and under budget. This request stemmed from a facility condition assessment and the recognition that, at over 25 years old, many core systems had reached or exceeded their useful life.

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2025 CAPITAL REQUEST: \$1,125,000

To complete the remaining capital improvements identified in the 2020 request, the City of Roseville is seeking \$1,125,000 in state support for:

- **HVAC Updates –**
Replace aging systems in the lobby, office, and banquet areas
- **Roof Replacement –**
Repair leaking roofs and prepare structures for future solar installation
- **Restroom Renovation –**
Improve ADA compliance and expand access to accommodate large events

This investment will ensure the continued functionality, accessibility, and statewide impact of this treasured Minnesota facility.

Thank you for your continued partnership in preserving this unique Minnesota resource.