



HF 3207 - \$ 6,000,000 – Le Sueur Public Safety Center

Project Overview: The City of Le Sueur and Le Sueur Police Department are requesting \$6,000,000 in bond proceeds to support the predesign, design, construction, and equipment of a Public Safety Center to house the Le Sueur Police Department and Le Sueur Emergency Management operations. The Le Sueur community currently has no dedicated space for its Emergency Management operations, and maintains an outdated, undersized facility for its Police Department. The Le Sueur Police Department has for decades occupied facilities handed down from other City departments. The current space was vacated by the Le Sueur Fire Department and Le Sueur Public Utilities in the early 2000s. As the community of Le Sueur has grown, the public safety needs of the area have increased in complexity, and the department has formed a proactive approach to community policing, the need for a safe, secure, space in which to operate has become imperative.

Reason for Request: The Le Sueur community has invested heavily in recent years to build a robust, well-trained public safety team, growing the officer ranks, supporting compensation for officers to ensure recruitment and retention of talent, and equipping our officers to ensure their – and the public’s – safety. Local taxpayers have been very supportive of this expansion and the cultural focus on proactive community policing, as the City’s General Fund expenses dedicated to public safety have grown. Budgeted expenses for the Police Department have grown from \$985K in 2021 to \$1.55M in 2025 – a 57% increase in 5 years. Taxpayers have also invested in the construction of a new Fire Hall to support Le Sueur and the surrounding townships, as well as the purchase and acquisition of additional squad vehicles and emergency response vehicles to ensure the high level of service our community needs. State funding is requested to help support our community’s significant capital and operating investment in our critical public safety infrastructure.
