

East Grand Forks Building Repair Bonding Request

Background

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) owns the building located at 312 4th Ave NE, East Grand Forks, MN. 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 six full-time employees and often hosts potato growers for meetings and submission of samples for testing.

The MDA has identified several components of the East Grand Forks building that need to be addressed soon to maintain safety and modernization standards. Continuing to defer necessary upgrades and maintenance on this building may negatively impact the agency's operations that are housed here.

Details

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's One Minnesota Budget proposal seeks \$457,000 to renovate the MDA East Grand Forks potato inspection facility - \$384,000 in General Obligation Bonds and \$73,000 from the General Fund. The project would address the roof and exterior finishes, as well as lighting, electrical, HVAC, painting, carpet, interior finishes, and project management.

Description of Work	Amount	Funding Source
Building Lighting LED Upgrade	\$ 25,000	Energy Conservation Revolving Loan
HVAC & Water Heater Replacement	\$ 40,000	Energy Conservation Revolving Loan (\$65k total)
Painting (includes basic sheet rock repair)	\$ 25,000	General Fund
Carpet/Tile Replacement	\$ 60,000	General Fund (\$85k total)
Electric Panel Modernization	\$ 30,000	Bonding
Roof Replacement and exterior finishes	\$ 60,000	Bonding
Building Enclosure	\$ 40,000	Bonding
Project Management	\$ 110,000	Bonding
Abatement (potential)	\$ 25,000	Bonding
Contingency 10% (round to nearest \$1,000)	\$ 42,000	Bonding (\$290k total)
Project Total, including inflationary costs	\$ 457,000	

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