

One Minnesota Budget

Statewide Public Safety Data Sharing

Governor Walz recommends **\$55 million over the next four years** to modernize technology and information systems at the Department of Corrections (DOC) is data-driven and to law enforcement, the courts and community corrections partners across Minnesota in sharing public safety data. These funds represent a long overdue investment in the state's critically antiquated systems.

"Operating a prison system with antiquated technology should wave a red flag for all of us. In my time at the DOC, it has been heartening to see the legislature focus on safety inside our facilities, but we can't be safe from modern security issues without a parallel investment in technology infrastructure."

- Chris Mitchell, Captain

The request has two components: an overhaul of existing antiquated systems at the DOC and the creation of a public safety data sharing hub to provide information across systems to help decrease crime, hold the state accountable through informed decision making, create more successful and measurable outcomes for individuals on correctional supervision, and ultimately **to keep Minnesotans safe**.



Replacing Critically Antiquated DOC Systems with Data-Driven Service Delivery

Maintenance of Minnesota's antiquated correctional data infrastructure has been routinely deferred and ignored. To ensure the effective delivery of correctional services and reduce reoffending in Minnesota communities, the state must invest in transformative upgrades to its correctional data systems to allow for the use of proven intervention tools and the measurement of outcomes at the system and individual level. This proposal represents the highest priority for the DOC in accomplishing the goal of providing effective intervention strategies.



Create a Central Statewide Data Hub for Information Sharing Across Systems

Currently, public safety systems do not speak to each other effectively or uniformly across the state, creating gaps in risk management as well as the delivery of system resources, such as staffing time and mental health and chemical dependency treatments. Connecting the Judicial Branch, all 87 counties, and the DOC with a central data hub will help ensure the effective delivery of public safety resources and correctional supervision across the state. Through an investment in this data infrastructure, those who are on supervision and carry the most risk of reoffending would be more easily identified across the various systems and targeted for interventions.

In the creation and implementation of the data sharing infrastructure, the DOC will partner with county supervision providers, the Judicial Branch, and law enforcement.

"Some DOC processes are still done on paper and crucial information about our clients is not being shared efficiently."

- Julie Harrison, Accounting Director