

**MN Department of Veterans Affairs  
MN Veterans Homes  
Project Funding Summary  
2010 Capital Budget Request**

**Minneapolis Building 17 Project**

**Agency requesting \$9,450,000**

This phase 1 request would consist of \$9,450,000 to remodel building 16, demolish building 17 north wings and design and rebuild a 72 single occupancy bed structure on the Minneapolis campus. A campus master plan was completed in 2009 of the Minneapolis campus identifying building 17 the most urgent building to replace. The life cycle costing and energy model evaluation indicated long term benefit to remove this building and replace with a new building. The master plan also evaluated all buildings on this campus in need of infrastructure repair or remodeling to accommodate program needs. The new building 17 would be designed as single occupancy, "person centered care model" allowing each resident to have a private room with bathroom and a day activity space. New building 17 would be built incorporating communities of 12 to 14 with enlarged dining and activity space surrounding the resident's room. As an operational efficiency feature, the central nursing area would provide care for two communities back to back.

**Asset Preservation Project**

**Agency requesting \$6,490,000**

This request is for \$6,490,000 for department wide renovation and upgrade of the 50 buildings in this agency. Nine of these buildings have 24/7 occupancy requiring ongoing repair and maintenance support. This request will address building repair items that go beyond day to day maintenance needs of each facility. Examples of projects in this request include: replacing of exterior envelope components, roof replacement, tuckpointing, sanitary sewer repairs, mechanical and electrical updates and updates to resident bathrooms and central showers. These projects serve to maintain a safe, efficient and manageable environment for the residents at the homes.

**Luverne Entrance Enclosure Project**

**Agency requesting \$450,000**

This request is for \$450,000 to design, construct and furnish a new enclosure attached to the front entrance of the Luverne Veterans Home. This request would also re-engineer the circle drive parking lot adjoining this entrance to increase visitor parking capacity. The addition would also provide day room/lounge activity space on either side of the entrance. This enclosure would provide summer shade and winter wind/cold protection especially during inclement weather. This enclosure will enable staff to load and unload residents in a more controlled and safer manner.

**Hastings Master Plan Project****Agency requesting \$100,000**

This request is for \$100,000 to study the Hastings campus. The Hastings campus currently operates 200 domiciliary beds providing home for veterans who require support with chronic medical problems, mental health diagnosis, substance abuse treatment and transitional services to move veterans towards independent living. The project will conduct an analysis of building components and campus space availability for future MN veteran program needs in this geographic area.

**Supportive Housing Hastings Project****Agency requesting \$11,000,000**

This request is for \$11 million to design, construct, furnish and equip 60 units of permanent supportive housing for veterans with disabilities on the Hastings campus. This housing will consist of 60 one-bedroom apartments for single adults. All veteran residents will have some disability, but are not able to live on their own with supportive services. There is a significant shortage of low income housing in the Hastings area and it impedes the facility's ability to timely discharge residents. The success of discharge is dependant, to a large extent, on the supportive services available to assist veterans in their transition. The Hastings facility will complement the services already in place to incrementally provide the necessary service package to veterans in the housing units.

**Kandiyohi Veterans Home Construction Project****Agency requesting \$8,500,000**

This request is for \$8.5 million to construct a new nursing care geriatric psychiatric building consisting of 75,000 square feet. This facility would be home to 90 veterans or spouses of veterans in need of nursing, behavioral health and geriatric psychiatric care. The US VA may partner with MN for this construction project if local financial participation of one third of the building cost (35 percent) is received. Initial application for this project was submitted to the US VA State Veterans Home Grant Program in 2006. This project application will receive further attention and will move higher on the priority list once the 35 percent match is received. The initial application has not received local financial commitment and will not receive Federal participation until the State commitment is made.