

## INFORMATION PAPER

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### SUBJECT: NDNG Legislative Initiative – Funding for Statewide Maintenance Projects

#### REFERENCES.

- a. N/A

**PURPOSE.** Request for \$1 million in State funding related to the federal fiscal years 21 through 23 (FY-21/22/23) maintenance projects for National Guard Facilities around the state. This is in addition to normally budgeted maintenance and repair funding. Based on current identified projects, this is the estimated state share for maintenance and repair projects at National Guard Facilities.

**BACKGROUND.** Over the past 25 years the North Dakota National Guard has constructed several facilities across the state, totaling well over \$100 million. These were paid for with mostly federal funds. The agreement for these was that any maintenance in the future would have a state cost share, usually 25% or more, depending on the facility. Many of these facilities were built in the late 80's or early 90's and are getting to the point where they are requiring repair and/or major maintenance.

#### DISCUSSION.

1. Up to \$1 million in additional State Funding related to the federal fiscal years 21, 22, and 23 (FY-21/22/23) maintenance and repair projects for National Guard Facilities.
2. In recent years the NDNG budget has been reduced by more than 50% from the General Fund to pay for the state share of Maintenance and Repair Projects. This caused DFE to reallocate several projects and defer maintenance on facilities into the future.
3. Several state facilities have also had maintenance deferred in recent years due to state budget shortfalls.
4. The priority projects state share is estimated to be:

a. Building Sealant Repairs, Bldg. 4200, RJB, Bismarck	\$ 200,000
b. Air Handler Replacement, Bldg. 6400, Camp Grafton	200,000
c. Building Automation Systems Repairs and Upgrade, Wahpeton	70,000
d. State Residence Maintenance Repairs – Camp Grafton & Fraine Barracks	180,000
e. Asphalt Repairs, Fargo AFRC Complex	240,000
f. Concrete and Asphalt Repairs, Grand Forks AFRC Complex	60,000
g. HVAC Repairs and Re-Balance, Bldg. 4200, RJB	<u>50,000</u>
	\$ 1,000,000
5. This state funding is a matching share of the costs for most of these projects. The federal share for this work is 50% or 75%, depending on the project, and will amount to approximately \$1.9 million in matching federal funds.

6. ND Army National Guard Facilities across the state and, ultimately, Soldiers who will work and train in these facilities will benefit from these required repairs.
7. This initiative will ensure many of our facilities are properly maintained and, hopefully, will save future funding by preventing potential catastrophic failure due to lack of maintenance. DFE had to recently reallocate several project priorities and deferred maintenance on several facilities into the future.
8. This initiative will also benefit Anti-terrorism and Force Protection efforts in two of our higher profile facilities in Bismarck and Fargo.
9. The North Dakota National Guard takes pride in our excellent facilities and wants to keep them in the best condition possible. Not only for the ability to perform preventative maintenance and minimize catastrophic failures, but to provide the best facilities possible for our Soldiers to work and train in.
10. The North Dakota National Guard has been very successful in the past in minimizing state funding shares for many projects. On many occasions, we have been able to use mostly federal funds as we built our larger readiness centers across the state.
11. The funding cost shares (state versus federal) for each facility are not the same and based on several factors, to include original construction funding, current use, and cooperative agreement cost share.

**CONCLUSION.** In order to keep our facilities in proper working order, NDNG will need additional one-time state funding to make up for the deferred maintenance we have been putting off since 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION.** Request \$1 million in State funding related to the federal fiscal years 21 through 23 (FY-21/22/23) for maintenance projects for National Guard Facilities around the state. This one time funding is over and above our normal funding.

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