



Rapid City Community Work Center for Women

Department of Corrections

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$28,012,008 in one time funding to construct a 208 bed community work center for women in Rapid City. The current female prison population already exceeds the design capacity of the facilities in Pierre set by the American Corrections Association. The new facility would allow 167 female inmates to be moved from Pierre to Rapid City and accommodate an additional 41 female inmates.

Project Description

The Rapid City facility will contain approximately 60,000 square feet for housing and related support and program spaces, based on preliminary programming. It will be constructed to house 144 minimum classification inmates and 64 low medium custody inmates. Since a portion of the female inmates currently housed in Pierre will be moved to this new facility, all three housing units in Pierre would experience a necessary reduction in population.

The Department of Corrections receives more inmates from Pennington County than any other county in the state. This facility will allow these minimum and low medium custody inmates to remain closer to their community where they can access jobs and continue their employment after their release. Investing in the reentry of these short term, non-violent inmates has proven to reduce reincarceration rates.

Funding

Construction for the Rapid City Community Work Center will be funded with a \$28,012,008 transfer from the budget reserve fund. Ongoing funding will be needed to support an estimated 43 additional staff, as well maintenance and utility costs once the building is constructed.