



Men's Prison Facility

Department of Corrections

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$341.6 million to support the replacement of the South Dakota State Penitentiary, which was constructed in the late 1800's as a territorial prison. This funding allows for the first phase of the project to begin, which includes purchasing land in the Sioux Falls area and contracting for the planning and design of the facility. The Governor's Budget also sets aside money in the Incarceration Construction fund for future construction costs to build the prison.

Project Description

The South Dakota State Penitentiary is no longer suited for use as a prison. The prison population has grown well beyond the original intentions of the building, operations are incredibly inefficient, and the building continues to age and cost more money to maintain. The prison houses almost 275 more high/medium custody offenders than is recommended by the American Correctional Association for a prison that size. The facility does not meet modern correctional standards and is not laid out in a way that is conducive for efficient staff supervision. Millions of dollars are spent annually to maintain and repair this facility, and it cannot be updated in a cost-efficient manner to serve the state's current needs.

This project will allow the 140-year-old prison to be decommissioned and replaced with a modern and efficient prison large enough to house the entire population at the South Dakota State Penitentiary, reduce the populations at the Mike Durfee State Prison and Jameson Prison Annex, and meet future needs. The new male facility will be designed with modern correctional standards that will create staffing and operational efficiencies and include space for programming and treatment to help reduce the likelihood that an offender will return to prison.

Funding

One-time funding of \$25.4 million in general funds and \$26.6 million from the Incarceration Construction Fund will be used to fund the first phase of the project. One-time dollars will be transferred to the Incarceration Construction Fund for the next phase of the project, including \$87.0 million in available general fund dollars and \$202.6 million from the General Revenue Replacement Fund.