



Men's Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections

Overview

Over the last several years, Governor Noem recommended, and the Legislature approved, funding to make improvements to South Dakota's aging correctional system infrastructure. The state needs a new 1500-bed men's medium- and maximum-security correctional facility near Sioux Falls.

A guaranteed maximum price has been established, and full construction is ready to begin. The Men's Correctional Facility is budgeted to cost \$825 million. \$567 million has already been set aside for this project. Governor Noem is recommending funding to complete the construction of the men's prison.

Project Description

The South Dakota State Penitentiary is no longer suited for use as a correctional facility. Constructed in 1881 as a territorial penitentiary, the facility has significant overcrowding issues, structural and functional deficiencies, and is not safe for staff, offenders, or the public. The project will allow the 140-year-old facility to be decommissioned and replaced with a modern and efficient prison. The land purchase was authorized in 2023 following a legislative summer study and the 2024 legislature approved installation of utilities to this site which are in progress.

Dedicating the remaining funds will ensure that the State doesn't need to issue debt to finish the Men's Correctional Facility. By fully funding the facility with funds saved over three budget cycles, taxpayers will save approximately \$600 million in interest and fees and avoid \$57 million in annual debt service payment.

Funding

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During the 2023 and 2024 legislative sessions, a total of \$567 million in funding was dedicated to this project. The Governor is recommending \$182 million in one-time general funds to complete construction. An estimated \$76 million dollars in interest earned on these funds will save additional taxpayer dollars and fully fund the prison without taking on debt, an accomplishment every lawmaker should be proud of.