



# Military Construction Projects

Department of Military

## Overview

Governor Rhoden's recommended budget reinforces the state's commitment to military readiness by including \$2.35 million in general funds and \$38 million in federal fund expenditure authority to support key infrastructure projects for the South Dakota National Guard. These investments will fund the renovation and expansion of the Sturgis Readiness Center and the construction of a new vehicle maintenance shop; both located in Sturgis.

Together, these facilities will enhance operational readiness, reduce maintenance backlogs, and ensure that units are equipped to meet both state and federal mission demands.

## Sturgis Readiness Center Renovation & Expansion

The Governor is recommending \$2.35 million in state funds and \$8 million in federal fund expenditure authority to expand the Sturgis Readiness Center. The current facility is limited in space and outdated. The expansion will increase its size to 26,270 square feet, providing essential space for training and administration.

This project enhances the National Guard's ability to respond to emergencies, improve training, and maintain readiness. With strong federal support and ongoing design work, it represents a valuable investment that benefits both the National Guard and the Sturgis community, allowing for swift progress once federal funds are available.

## Sturgis Vehicle Maintenance Shop

The Governor is recommending \$30 million in federal fund expenditure authority to build a new 37,019-square-foot vehicle maintenance shop in Sturgis. The existing facility is inadequate for today's larger military vehicles and does not meet our soldiers' operational needs. A new shop will enhance repair capacity, reduce equipment downtime, and support state and federal missions.

This project is fully federally funded, and South Dakota's role is to authorize the spending. By advancing this now, the state will accelerate the project timeline as federal opportunities arise, improving readiness and community support in the Black Hills.