

FY21 Capital Budget Adjustment – Act 42 of 2019

New Project Proposal – Form B

Agency: Administration
Department: Military
Program Title: Environmental
Project Title: Bennington Armory Drill Hall PCB Mitigation
Project Description: Mitigate PCB containing paint from Drill Hall & Stage walls
Project Location: Franklin Lane, Bennington, VT

Please prioritize your project based on the following: Priority 1: Critical Priority 2: Strategic Investment Priority 3: Future Investment
Requested Project's Priority: Priorities 1, 2, &3 - See Sheet Attached Below, Detail 2.
Describe how you arrived at your Priority Ranking: See Sheet Attached Below, Detail 3.
FY2021 Capital Request: \$295,000.00 State Share, Federal Share \$295,000.00
Capital request beyond FY for this project: No Capital Request is Expected Beyond FY2021
Proposed Amount to come from reallocations: \$0.00
Act, Sec No., Appropriation Number and Project Name reallocations will come from: N/A

Total Project Cost	FY2021 Funding	Funding beyond FY21
Capital Funds	\$295,000.00	N/A
General Funds	N/A	N/A
Other Sources	N/A	N/A

Project Operating Cost	FY2021	Source	After FY2021	Source
Personal Services Cost	\$2,500.00	2150040000	\$2,500.00	2150040000
Operating Cost	\$17,000.00	2150040000	\$17,000.00	2150040000
Est. Fee for Space Cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New positions required	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe in more detail how operating cost will be covered including funding source:				
Effect on your operations if Project is not funded: See Sheet Attached Below, Detail 4.				

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1. Project Description: This project will complete the EPA approved PCB, Lead, and Asbestos Mitigation plan for the Bennington Armory. This is accomplished by removal and subsequent encapsulation of PCB paint on the surface of the Drill Hall and Stage walls.

2. Requested Project's Priority: This project meets the Priority Categories as described in bullet #3 below. **1:** Critical,

3. Describe how you arrived at your Priority Ranking: This project is **Priority #1 Critical Need** as an environmentally mandated mitigation measure required by State and Federal code and statutes.

4. Effect on your operations if Project is not funded: The current status of PCB contamination mitigation plan dictates this project be completed

Summary: Upon discovery of the presence of PCB containing paint in the Bennington Armory the Military Department sought relief and solutions on several Strategic and secure long-term Future Investment fronts.

- a. Negotiation with Region 1 EPA to allow a simplified encapsulation to reduce cost and expedite the mitigation timeline. EPA had originally proposed grinding the interior of the masonry surfaces to a depth of approximately 3/8" to 1/2" inch. After almost two years of alternate design applications and negotiations EPA allowed the current process of paint removal and subsequent encapsulation. This resulting plan method created the opportunity to continue operations while working around multi-phased mitigation projects. This also offered the ability to leave the Armory that was half the National Guard square foot operational requirement as a completely useful and historic facility for continued use. The resulting cost is less than our estimated cost for demolition and relocation (option b. below).
- b. Demolish the existing building and move Military Operations to an alternate location in the Bennington area. The process and cost of occupying/leasing adequate space and additional cost to fit-up to meet the VTARNG basic Operations and Training needs and then consider the cost to demolish and properly dispose of that quantity of hazardous waste quickly exceeded the cost of mitigation and preservation of an historic Armory
- c. Change location of Federally funded Military Construction project from North Hyde Park to Bennington. This acceptance by NGB and US Congress for MILCON funding allowed us to have a final resolution to vacating a facility that is only 50% of what is needed/required for VTARNG full Training and Operations. The \$14,800,000.00 Bennington Armory/Readiness Center MILCON project will exchange the existing facility for 22.0+/- acres owned by the Town of Bennington and construct a 45,000SF new modern and energy efficient facility. This project has specific Military mission factors that limits the State contribution to providing suitable land for the project and construction cost is 100% Federally funded.