

Department of Corrections

FY2026/FY2027 Capital Bill

Major DOC Infrastructure Needs

Capital Bill Requests

- HVAC planning, design, and installation
- ADA compliance upgrades
- Safety and security repairs and enhancements
- Rutland/Marble Valley door control system replacements
- St. J/NECC door control system replacements
- St. Albans/NWSCF door control system replacements
- Additional upgrades

Policy Priorities

• Women's facility replacement

Additional Infrastructure Projects

- Northwest booking expansion
- Northern State boiler replacement
- Wi-Fi



HVAC

Overview



- HVAC planning, design, and installation across four unairconditioned facilities
 - Project work beginning at Springfield/SSCF
 - Other facilities: Newport/NSCF; St.J/NECC and Caledonia
 Community Work Camp; St. Albans/NWSCF (funding dependent)

Capital Bill Request: \$5,600,000

- FY26: \$4,600,000
- FY27: \$1,000,000

10-Year Plan Total: \$17,009,000

ADA Compliance



Overview

- Continuing compliance w/ DOJ legal settlement
 - Outdated facilities require updated accessibility infrastructure to meet contemporary legal standards/mandates

Capital Bill Request: \$2,000,000

- FY26: \$2,000,000
- FY27: N/A

Safety & Security Upgrades

Overview

• Operational upgrades for security cameras, doors, fencing.

Capital Bill Request: \$400,000

- FY26: \$200,000
- FY27: \$200,000



Marble Valley Door Control

Overview

• Door control work at Rutland/Marble Valley

Capital Bill Request: \$500,000

- FY26: N/A
- FY27: \$500,000



St. J Door Control

Overview

• Door control work at St. Johnsbury/NECC

Capital Bill Request: \$3,600,000

- FY26: \$1,000,000
- FY27: \$2,600,000



St. Albans Roof Replacement

Overview

• Roof repair at St. Albans/NWSCF

Capital Bill Request: \$1,200,000

- FY26: \$1,200,000
- FY27: N/A



Various Upgrades

Overview

• Local upgrades and infrastructure improvements

Capital Bill Request: \$1,000,000

- FY26: N/A
- FY27: \$1,000,000





Questions?

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Appendix

VISION

We create safety and

equity by seeing potential,

supporting change,

and serving communities.

MISSION

We lead through innovation We advance restorative justice practices

We cultivate meaningful partnerships

> We provide justice-involved individuals with opportunities for self-improvement

We support staff wellness

We create rewarding career opportunities

We ensure our facilities and field offices are safe, secure, and healthy

VALUES

Accountability

We, individually and collectively, act in accordance with our mission and values in service to our vision.

Collaboration

We succeed when we have diverse and equitable partnerships that include our communities and the people in our care and custody.

Compassion

We treat everyone with respect and dignity and respond empathetically to people's lived experience.

Equity

We address systemic barriers that hinder opportunity and use fair and impartial decision-making.

Innovation

We use evolving research from diverse communities to identify, develop, and implement effective practices.

Integrity We practice our values in an honest and transparent way.

> Safety We create an equitable culture of physical, emotional, and material wholeness.

DOC Strategic Plan





Vermont Department of Corrections

Roadmap to 2030: Mission-focused, values-driven

STAFF AND STAFFING

Build a sustainable correctional workforce that invests in professional growth and staff wellbeing.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Achieve a holistic health and wellness system to improve outcomes for incarcerated and supervised individuals.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION FOR A JUST SYSTEM

Advance diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices into all that we do to achieve a just corrections system.

MODERNIZATION

Strategic Plan Goals

STAFF AND STAFFING

Build a sustainable correctional workforce that invests in professional growth



GOAL 1: Staff are empowered by a workplace cultivated to embrace and support the full spectrum of individual experience and identity. GOAL 2: By 2030, staffing levels and staff retention are optimal and sustainable.

GOAL 3: Roles and processes are optimized to enhance staff engagement and operational efficiency.

GOAL 4: Opportunities for professional development and career growth are offered through a fair and transparent system.

GOAL 5: The Department provides opportunities and an environment that promotes staff health and wellness.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Achieve a holistic health and wellness system to improve outcomes for incarcerated and supervised individuals.



GOAL 2: The Department engages Vermont's community members to support health and wellness outcomes for the population we serve.

GOAL 3: Health and wellness systems and processes operate efficiently and effectively.

GOAL 4: The Department supports and fosters holistic wellness for those in its care and custody.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION FOR A JUST SYSTEM

Advance diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices into all that we do to achieve a just corrections system.

GOAL 1: Staff recognize and appreciate the daily impact of identity and why JEDI is vital to our success.

GOAL 2: The Department's systems, structural environment, policies and procedures are informed by trauma-informed practices. JEDI principles, and individuals with lived experience within the criminal justice system.

GOAL 3: Supervision, programs, and intervention services reflect the diverse needs of the people we serve.

GOAL 4: JEDI-responsive principles are embedded into all Department processes and retention efforts to equitably serve every staff member.

Modernize systems, structures, technologies, and processes to achieve the nation's leading model of corrections

GOAL 1: Vermont's correctional system employs modernized systems, structures, technologies, and processes.

GOAL 2: The Department cultivates meaningful partnerships to advance community engagement and restorative practices.

GOAL 3: Modernization is embedded within each strategic initiative and advances innovative, efficient, evidence-based, and data-driven solutions Department-wide.



System Challenges

Staffing

• Vacancies, retention, state workforce demographics, overtime costs, physical workplace environment

Health & Wellness

- Serving physical/mental health needs of incarcerated individuals, particularly those detained awaiting trial
 - Lack of access/poor connection to medical care prior to justice-involvement
 - Sequelae of heavy substance use

DEI & Justice

- Remote hearings and court backlogs
- Lack of coordinated community reentry services and geographic disparities
- Paucity of community service providers, particularly for male-identifying individuals

Modernization

- Lack of WiFi and access to basic technology
- Lack of transitional housing stock/availability
- Deteriorating physical infrastructure
- Antiquated and highly manual data systems (OMS)

