

Overview of Proposed Women's Reentry and Correctional Facility and Youth Stabilization Treatment Facility

Department of Buildings and General Services

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Women's Reentry and Correctional Facility

2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Section 30 authorized the Commissioner of BGS for design to purchase land, with site criteria expectations.

Site Criteria

- Prioritized locating the facility in Chittenden County to:
 - Preserve critical partnerships with community organizations located in the Burlington area.
 - Be located near employment options for women in the reentry program
 - Support connection to family and loved ones for the people who are incarcerated.
 - Be conveniently located near public transportation.
 - Limit the burden of relocation on current CRCF staff, retain staff trained in trauma informed and gender responsive practices, and help ensure access to future workforce.
 - Site the secure facility and reentry facility on the same parcel of land.

Women’s Reentry and Correctional Facility

The Department of Buildings and General Services and Department of Corrections considered options on how best to move forward for siting the facility:

- 1. Reevaluated state land
- 2. Agreed to conduct public land search
- 3. Finalizing RFP to be posted

Appropriations and Expended	
FY2022	\$500,000
FY2023	\$1,000,000
FY2024	\$1,500,000
FY2025	\$13,000,000
<i>Expended</i>	<i>\$418,252.88</i>
Balance	\$15,581,747.12

Next Steps

- Early April to complete review and negotiations on property options.
- As discussed in Joint Justice Oversight Committee testimony, we may request potential language around zoning requirements for critical state facilities.

Youth Stabilization Treatment Center

2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Section 18 (c)(10), as amended in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Section 11:

- The Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to spend up to \$750,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families short-term stabilization facility.
- There is currently \$372,000 remaining.

The Department of Buildings and General Services and Department for Children and Families agreed to rebid for a Build to Suit RFP:

- October 17, 2025: RFP issued.
- November 19, 2025: Proposals were received.
- December 8, 2025: BGS and DCF selected a proposal.

Next Steps

- Develop letter of intent*
- Begin negotiations

*Without a letter of intent, all bids and proposals are not public information at this time.