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CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY 2024-2026
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New Proposed Capital Budget Projects

Thank you for this opportunity to make this presentation to you.

During the next biennium, there are several important new capital budget needs at the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH). Below they are described in order of priority:

- 1. Building Wide Sprinkler System Upgrade – (Add from original request)**
Capital Budget Request: \$297,000.00 (GF% 100%)

This project is an add-on request from our previous submission. Veterans Affairs (VA) Survey results received after Capital Budget was submitted identified Tarr South closets in need of individual sprinklers. The NHVH challenged the finding on a small room exemption and categorical "hospital" use. Challenge was denied. Upon further investigation, none of our closets comply with closet sprinkler requirements and will have to be renovated building-wide to maintain our VA Certification (we currently have provisional certification until September 2023). The NHVH will design immediately, bid over the winter, and execute construction July 2023. We request DAS prioritize this project to take place immediately upon FY 2023.

- 2. Sitewide Drainage and Water Life Safety Improvements –**
Capital Budget Request: \$540,000 (GF% 100%)

This project will design, and correct health life safety issues related to poor drainage and overall water issues throughout the NHVH Site in Tilton. Currently, significant amounts of water seeps into the LEDU basement electrical room and is frequently mopped up by staff or await evaporation. This project will decrease the State's utility consumption.

- 3. Entryway Life Safety Improvements –**
Capital Budget Request: \$200,000 (GF% 100%)

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4. Enhanced Security Card Reader Door Access Building Wide –

Capital Budget Request: \$780,000 (GF% 100%)

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5. Tarr South Modernization – (Candidate for deferment)

Capital Budget Request: \$434,000 (GF% 100%)

This project will renovate the area of TARR South resident rooms and common areas at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton NH. Improvements will include updated electrical, plumbing, fixtures, wall/ceiling/floor finishes, and other associated improvements. The current rooms are past their useful life and in need of renovation to look less "institutional" and more "home-like" and dignified.

6. Medical Lift Installation Phase 1

Capital Budget Request: \$152,000 (GF% 100%)

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7. Construct Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Building

Capital Budget Request: \$1,792,000 (GF% 100%)

This project will construct a Dual Use 12,000 SF Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Facility to be collocated in the vicinity of our Maintenance Building at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton NH. Our existing 3,321 SF Warehouse is undersized and in need of expansion. Programmed area is 8,000 SF for the warehouse and 4,000 SF for the Vehicle Storage Area. This project will increase the State's utility Consumption.



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SFY 24-26 Capital Budget Request

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Agenda



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- Strategic Priorities
- Current Projects
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 - Building Wide Sprinkler System Upgrade
 - *(As Amended)*
 - Sitewide Drainage and Water Life safety Improvements
 - Entryway Life Safety Improvements
 - Enhanced Security Card Reader Door Access Building Wide
 - TARR South Modernization (possible deferment)
 - Medical Lift Installation (Phase 1)
 - Construct Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Building

About the NHVH

In 1889, to take advantage of the federal assistance, Governor David H. Goodell established a veterans' Board of Managers, made up of prominent citizens, to select a site for a Soldiers' Home for Civil War veterans unable to care for themselves by reason of wounds, old age, or other infirmities. They chose Tilton NH as their location and The New Hampshire Soldiers' Home was dedicated during ceremonies on December 3, 1890.



NHVV Today

Today we have the statutory capacity to care for 250 residents; about half live in the Welch/Tarr Units and the other half live in our Life Enhancement Dementia Unit (LEDU). Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we were budgeted for nearly 400 staff. We are an intermediate, long term care facility, offering a broad range of residential, medical, and nursing care. Recently, our greatest challenge has been recruiting and retaining staff in both our clinical and support services.

The NHVV utilizes a VA Grant program enabled under 38 CFR 51:41. Veterans receive either partial or full cost of living reimbursement. To maintain this reimbursement, the NHVV undergoes annual recertification meeting standards related to Administrative, resident rights, clinical services, and Health Life Safety requirements.



NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME



Mission Statement



The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide the best quality of life for NH Veterans with dignity, honor and respect.





Strategic Infrastructure Priorities



- 1. Health Life Safety*
- 2. Meet VA Survey Requirements*
- 3. Preparedness*
- 4. Grow the census and Employee Support*



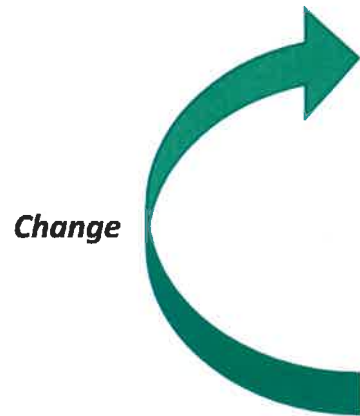
Current Projects (status)



- 1. Building Wide Heat Pump Replacement (90%)*
- 2. LEDU 3rd Story Addition (Awaiting Federal Award)*
- 3. Parking Lot Repair and Expansion (Less than 10%)*
- 4. Master Plan Revision (Less than 10%)*



SFY 24-26 Project List (as submitted in April)



Priority	Project	Funding Requested
1	Sitewide Drainage and Water Life safety Improvements	\$570,000
2	Entryway Life Safety Improvements	\$200,000
3	Enhanced Security Card Reader Door Access Building Wide	\$780,000
4	TARR South Modernization	\$434,500
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* As a result of VA Survey results, NHVH is requesting deferment of a lower priority TARR South Modernization project



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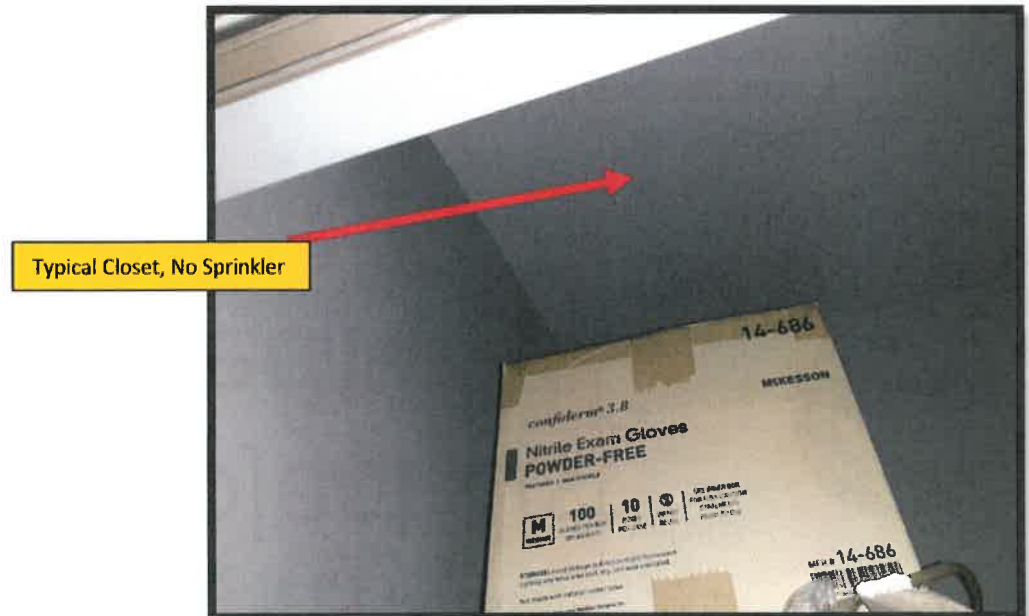


Building Wide Sprinkler System Upgrade (\$297,000) (Amendment)



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This project will install sprinkler systems in closets in all resident rooms (approx. 300 fixtures total).





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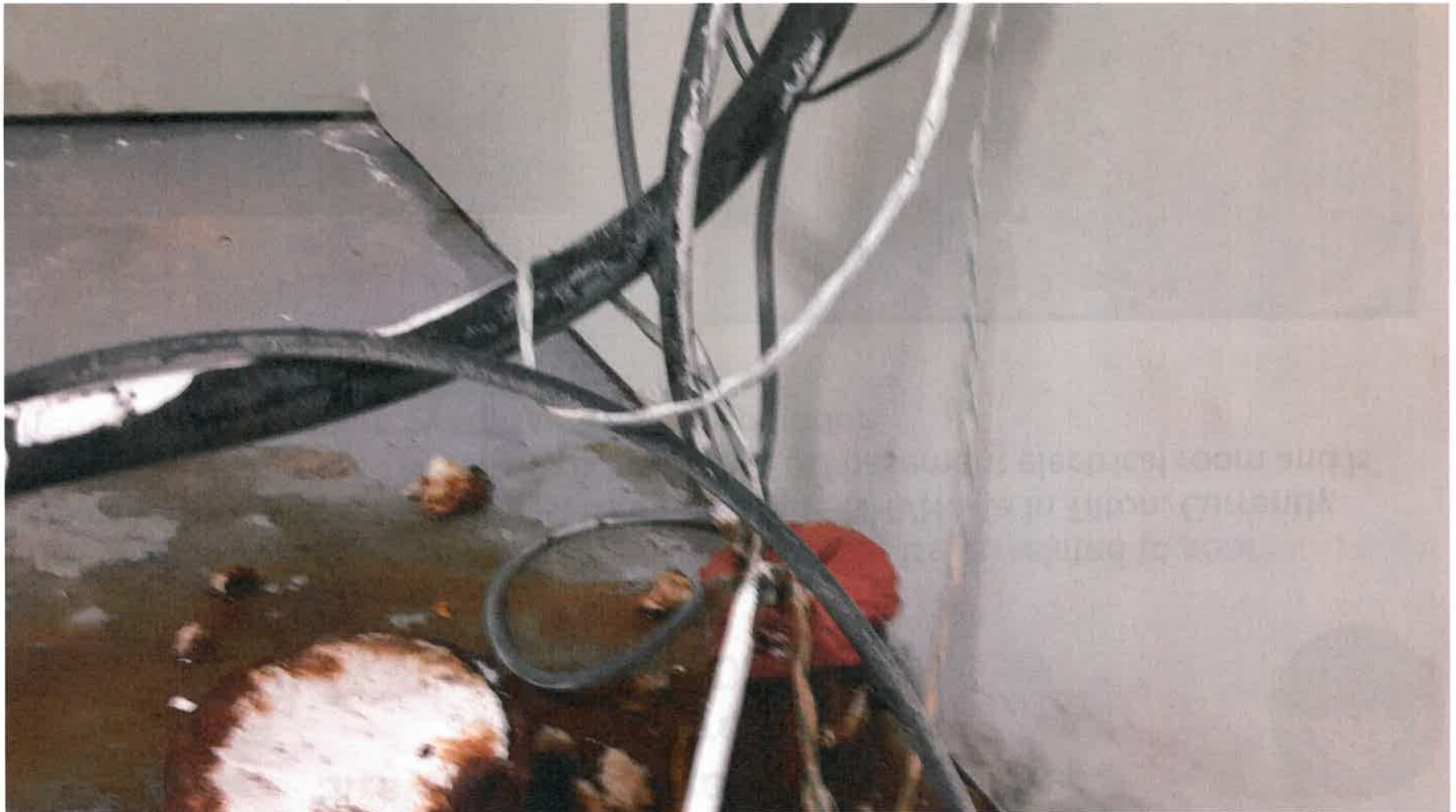
Flooded LEDU Basement shop vacuumed during each rainstorm. Water flows directly towards an emergency generator.



Water spews out of data port conduit during rainstorm April 2022



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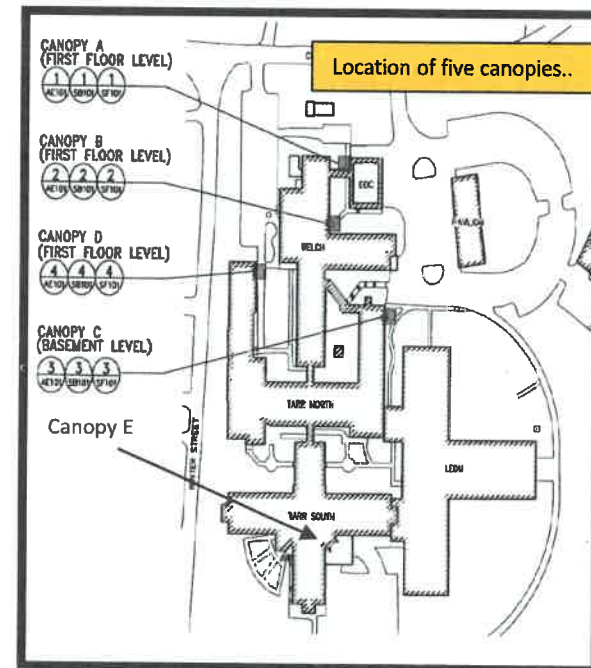
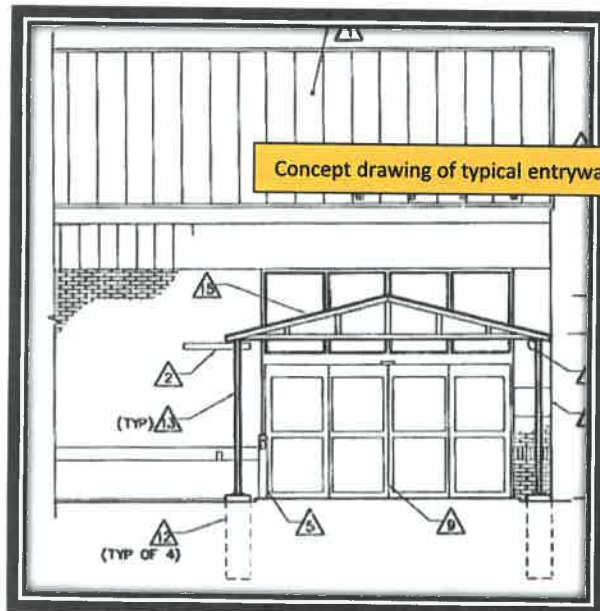




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*Typical numeric code and Key
lock system*





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*Typical Tarr South room,
institutional style circa 1989.*





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Typical 650 LB Bariatric Lift. It is the Long term plan to outfit, incrementally, the entire building.



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Possible location for new dual-use warehouse and Vehicle Storage Building



Undersized, crowded warehouse has become more crowded with increasing PPE orders following pandemic.

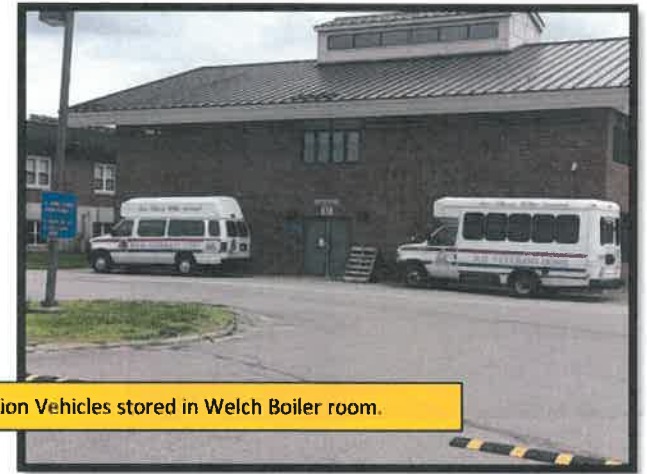




Construct Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Building (continued)



Maintenance facility and Recreation Pavillion has become an informal location to store vehicles, equipment, and surplus items.



Recreation Vehicles stored in Welch Boiler room.



Recreation vehicles stored in warehouse loading area.



Temporary storage of surplus property in Welch Basement.