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Capital Budget Committee
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Dear Representative Milz,

Thank you for the opportunity to make this presentation to you. We would like to address the differences between the Governor's Recommended Capital Budget and our agency requests.

1. **Plymouth Readiness Center Design and Construction**

Capital Budget Request: \$4,000,000 (75% Federal Funds-\$3,000,000 and 25% General Funds-\$1,000,000)

This project was in the SFY 2020-2021 budget as the Plymouth (Grafton County) Readiness Design (AU7168) and in SFY 2024-2025 as the Plymouth RC Construction (AU4356). Due to the project cascading on the President's Future Years Design Plan (FYDP) for bidding in SFY 2027 and the corresponding increase in the cost of construction, additional federal funds have been received to build the authorized space that Congress has approved the project for. This is only the second new stand-alone readiness center to be built in New Hampshire in the past twenty years.

The proposed construction will provide a modern, state of the art facility for soldiers to train out of, supporting consolidation of the unit from its current locations in Franklin and Plymouth to a single location in Plymouth. This will streamline efficiency of operations, improve training space, and increase readiness. Construction will result in approximately 40,000 SF of new Readiness Center space, 3,000 SY of military vehicle parking, 9,000 SY of privately owned vehicle parking, and additional supporting infrastructure.

In addition, the space will support our veterans' mission by including an office area for a veteran's service officer (VSO) and a veterans student lounge for former and currently serving military members at Plymouth State University.

2. **Pembroke Readiness Center Addition**

Capital Budget Request: \$8,000,000 (100% Federal Funds)

This project is to design and construct an addition, alteration, and site improvements to the existing Army buildings at Pembroke NH. The existing facility lacks programmatic federal requirements and is inadequate in terms of size, space and layout. The facility lacks adequate space for the units stationed there including poor functionality, occupational health / safety, and ADA. The cost estimate is based on Federal Construction Cost documents (DD Form 1390/91s) and is requested to waive the State match resulting in 100% Federal reimbursement.

3. **Aviation Hangar Addition / Alteration**

Capital Budget Request: \$9,000,000 (100% Federal Funds)

This project is for the identification, design, renovation, and / or construction of a replacement fire suppression system to replace the existing Aqueous Fire Fighting Foam (AFFF) system that is known to contain hazardous chemicals with a more environmental compliant system that does not sacrifice safety, and to additionally provide new hangar space for two new Lakota air frames. This project may include the abatement and disposal of the existing AFFF materials and any environmental investigations and mitigations associated with this system. This effort is 100% Federally reimbursed.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Hampshire National Guard and taking the time to discuss the intent of the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services with regards to our mission requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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Requested lapse extensions of our agency's capital accounts with project status and project completion dates.

HB25 FY24/25	Acct. Unit	Description	Initial Appropriation	Current Unenc. Balance as of 3/10/2025	Project Status	Project Completion date	Total Project Amount
New	36790000 (75%F /25%G)	<u>L23:1X1-Nshua Readiness Center Construction</u> This project supports a Congressional approved Unspecified Minor Military Construction project. Approximately 5,000 SF of additional space has been authorized for new construction at the Nashua Readiness Center. This project was approved in order to reduce overcrowding, improve conditions for female service members to include dedicated bathroom, shower and locker space, as well as a lactation room, increase storage capacity and provide modern training areas for members of the New Hampshire Army National Guard. This project is 75% federally reimbursable and has been awarded on the Future Years Defense Plan. Any remaining funds may be utilized for 75% federally reimbursed projects that support the sustainment, restoration, or modernization of New Hampshire Army National Guard facilities.	5,000,000.00	4,715,000.00	30% Design Submitted to NGB September 2024.	Summer 2026	5,000,000.00
New	43560000 (75%F /25%G)	<u>L23:1X2-Plymouth Readiness Center Construction</u> This project supports a Congressional approved Major Military Construction project for the construction of a new Readiness Center in Plymouth, NH. This project has been awarded on the Future Years Defense Plan. The proposed construction will provide a modern, state of the art facility of members of 3rd BN, 197th Field Artillery Brigade to train out of, supporting consolidation of the unit from it's current locations in Franklin and Plymouth to a single location in Plymouth. This will streamline efficiency of operations, improve training space, and increase readiness. Construction will result in approximately 40,000 SF of new Readiness Center space, 3,000 SY of military vehicle parking, 9,000 SY of privately owned vehicle parking, and additional supporting infrastructure. Any remaining funds may be utilized for 75% federally reimbursed projects that support the sustainment, restoration, or modernization of New Hampshire Army National Guard facilities.	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00	60% Design to be Submitted to NGB March 2025.	30-Jun-29	25,000,000.00
New	44950000 (75%F /25%G)	<u>L23:1X3-Statewide Building Improvements</u> This funding request would provide for facility maintenance and improvement projects statewide for 75% federally reimbursable projects. This may include replacement of items necessary to improve the efficiency or life expectancy of the facility including boilers or roof replacements, interior renovations, site improvement projects, pavement or fencing repair or expansion, lighting upgrades, door replacements, as well as any items necessary to bring the facility into compliance with federal, state or local law or regulation. Funding may be used to support any 75% federally reimbursable project that executes sustainment, restoration or modernization projects at New Hampshire National Guard facilities.	2,000,000.00	1,910,000.00	Renovations and improvements at our 75/25 buildings, License pending at Pease and Milford UMMC Design for Internal renovations for out-building.	30-Jun-26	2,000,000.00

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New	44960000 (100%G)	<u>L23:1X4-Nshua Hazardous Material Remediation</u> This funding requests is for the execution of an environmental survey to identify the content, composition of, and anticipated remediation costs of environmental contamination at the Nashua Readiness Center.	250,000.00	250,000.00	Will coincide with Nashua UMMC designs	Summer 2025	250,000.00
New	44970000 (100%G)	<u>L23:1X5-Pembroke Land Purchase</u> This project would provide funding for procurement of parcels abutting existing National Guard sites.at Pembroke NH for the purposes of military training and administration of the Army National Guard.	150,000.00	148,000.00	Still Pursuing Land Purchases.	Summer 2025	150,000.00
Amended	93280000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X1- Anti Terrorism - Force Protection</u> This project would provide for the renovation and expansion of existing site work at the Edward Cross Training Center in Pembroke, NH. Due to increasing force structure, the Army National Guard has stationed a unit at the Regional Training Institute. The parking facilities, to include security requirements for unit equipment, do not meet federal requirements. This project would expand existing parking, address security deficits, and provide for better access to training assets.	1,660,000.00	1,660,000.00	To be used for Stand alone facility upgrades and other site improvement upgrades.	Fall 2025	1,660,000.00
Amended	93290000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X2- Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements</u> This project would provide for the renovation of existing 100% federally supported projects across the State for construction, alteration or renovation of spaces to reduce energy consumption or construct renewable energy resources. The Army National Guard has successfully added solar generation to four sites. This project would allow for the expansion of those efforts statewide.	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	National Guard funded project for micro grid, funded FFY 24.	Fall 2025	3,500,000.00
Amended	93300000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X3- Grafton County Field Maintenance Shop</u> This project would provide for the construction of a Field Maintenance Shop in Grafton County. A Field Maintenance Shop in Grafton County was approved on the Future Years Defense Plan for construction in fiscal year 2024. This Field Maintenance Shop will provide critical maintenance to military vehicles and other equipment in support of Soldier Readiness.	13,700,000.00	13,700,000.00	Bid selected awaiting Feb 2025 G&C	Spring 2025	13,700,000.00
Amended	93310000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X4-Minor Military Construction - Coos County</u> This project is intended to construct an Unspecified Minor Military Construction project for training support facilities in Coos county if a Minor Military Construction project is approved on the Future Years Defense Plan or a complex Sustainment, Restoration or Modernization project is approved by National Guard Bureau. Funding would provide for design and construction. The project would entail the renovation or construction of administrative space, flight operations, storage and barracks type facilities or other 100% federally supported project.	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	Milan/Berlin hangar, pending Lease; federal project approved via Congressionally Directed spending.	Fall 2026	9,000,000.00

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Amended	93320000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X5-Minor Military Construction - Strafford County</u> This project is to provide for the design and construction of training support space in Strafford County. Existing barracks do not meet current federal facility requirements and do not support the collective training of existing Army National Guard force structure. The Army National Guard has implemented a new Army Combat Fitness Test that requires facilities to effectively implement in northern climates.	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	Ph. 1 Barracks, partially funded FFY 25 (\$2M). Also includes Physical Fitness Facility Congressionally directed spending, awaiting initial design authority from NGB.	Spring 2026	7,000,000.00
Amended	93330000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X6-Warehouse Facility Upgrades - Merrimack County</u> This funding request would provide for the design, construction or renovation, and Department of Public Works oversight on a warehouse storage facility for the receipt and distribution of federal equipment.	2,600,000.00	2,600,000.00	Currently on hold	Spring 2026	2,600,000.00
Amended	93340000 (50%F/ 50%G)	<u>21-1X7-Readiness Center Renovation Statewide</u> This request would allow for the renovation, alteration or sustainment of critical components at Readiness Centers statewide. Projects may include lifecycle replacement of building systems including heating, ventilation and air conditioning, roofing systems, and thermal envelopes or other building systems. Projects may also include improvements to building security systems to include lighting, door control access, and fencing. This project is critical to the continued operation of Readiness Centers for use in training, administering and deploying service members.	1,200,000.00	657,759.85	To be used for priority Quality of Life projects FFY 24 and 25.	Summer 2025	1,200,000.00
Amended	93350000 (1000%G)	<u>21-1X8-Land</u> This project would provide funding for the acquisition of land for the purposes of military training and administration of the Army National Guard. The NHARNG has no further capacity to expand existing facilities to meet federal requirements for the manning, equipping and training of service members without the acquisition of additional land. Priority will be placed on purchasing land in geographic areas currently not covered regionally by a Readiness Center or other National Guard asset.	500,000.00	500,000.00	Still Pursuing Land Purchases, of abutting property in Pembroke, Manchester, and Concord. An additional \$5M requested next biennium for stand alone parcels.	Summer 2025	500,000.00
Amended	93360000 (50%F/ 50%G)	<u>21-1X9-Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements</u> This funding request would provide for energy resiliency and efficiency improvements at Readiness Centers statewide. The Army National Guard has been developing an analysis of a microgrid for implementation at the State Military Reservation. This microgrid would provide for continuous operation of the Joint Operations Center, Joint Forces Headquarters and other critical components of the Army National Guard first responder initiatives. This project would also provide for the implementation of energy efficiency measures and the construction of renewable energy sources at Readiness Centers statewide.	800,000.00	800,000.00	Funding to be requested this FSRM cycle through NGB.	Fall 2025	800,000.00

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Amended	71630000 (100%F)	<u>19-146:1IB - Federal Statewide Repairs and Upgrades</u> This funding request will complete essential repairs and improvements to facilities statewide. Some of the work is intended to repair decades-long deterioration of building envelope components. Work may also include roof replacements, flooring repairs or replacements, ceiling repairs or replacements, mechanical and electrical repairs or upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades, landscaping and site improvements, or other structural renovations and repairs.	15,000,000.00	4,939,024.93	CSMS Renovation under construction. Manchester RC under construction. Concord Cyber UMMC bid bust July 2022. Pending (1) Lease approval Milan; to be used for Statewide CHP, and Avn. Ops. In Berlin once Agreement Support Code changed from NGB and CHP authorized.	Winter 2026	15,000,000.00
Amended	71650000 (100%F)	<u>19-146:1IC - Minor Military Construction Statewide</u> This funding request is to design and construct Maintenance Shop at Littleton, NH	3,500,000.00	1,159,949.30	Littleton FMS Design underway. Construction award anticipated September 2023, construction completion anticipated Fall 2026.	Fall 2025	3,500,000.00
Amended	71660000 (50%F /50%G)	<u>19-146:1ID - Manchester Anti-Terrorism Force Protection</u> This funding request is part of our ongoing effort to ensure Readiness Centers comply with modern Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Standards. Work will include: Site work to improve standoff distances of vehicular traffic and parking fence line adjustments storm water drainage improvements. Reconfiguration and remodel of internal spaces of the building demo and parking inside FMS area to Readiness Center space. <u>Amended and extended by 2023 Manchester RC and Concord Anti-Terrorism Force Protection</u> This funding request is to bring two of our historic masonry structures into compliance with modern Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Standards, the Manchester Readiness Center and the State Military Reservation Heritage Room (Building B) in Concord. Work will be targeting the decaying, damaged, and failing exterior masonry structures, to include replacement and repointing in a manner acceptable with the State Historic Preservation Office and will be in compliance with UFC 4-010-01 DoD Antiterrorism Minimum Standards for Buildings masonry sub section.	1,000,000.00	796,624.09	Initial Project converted to 100% F funded. Redefining project scope. Verbiage changed to masonry at Manchester and SMR Building B. On hold, Pending disposition of Manchester Readiness Center.	Summer 2025	1,000,000.00
Amended	71680000 (75%F /25%G)	<u>19-146:1IE - Grafton County Readiness Center - Design</u> This funding request is for the design of a Future Years Defense Program 2023 military construction project that will construct a Readiness Center in Grafton County. Design funds are required in 2021 in order to construct in 2023. Construction of larger, modern facilities is part of the New Hampshire's Army National Guard's plan to reduce overcrowding in severely undersized facilities.	2,000,000.00	144,090.00	Mostly design funds, design invoices still pending	Design: Fall 2024 Construction : Fall 2025	2,000,000.00

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Amended	13570000 (100%G)	<u>19-146:14II Environmental Hazard Remediation and Land Acquisition</u> General funds are requested to perform investigation and remediation to meet New Hampshire's existing S-1 soil standards in Pembroke, NH. This site is located within the Town of Pembroke Wellhead Protection Area and Aquifer Conservation District 143-68. The scope of the investigation will include development of a Work Plan, field screening of soils with a portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) detector, sampling analytical testing and in accordance with the results, excavation and disposal of lead-impacted soil and post- assessment soil testing to ensure that existing NHDES S-1 soil standards are met to achieve site closure. Any residual funds can be used to purchase land or perform environmental due diligence in the capital region.	86,000.00	86,000.00	Initiating process for environmental review to determine extent of contamination, and remediation plan for Pembroke property.	Summer 2025	86,000.00
Amended	24140000 (100%G)	<u>15-220:1-I:D - Land for Military Construction</u> Funding is requested for the acquisition of state-owned land to build new facilities or prevent encroachment at existing facilities.	1,300,000.00	519,139.10	Still Pursuing Land Purchases, of abutting property in Pembroke, Manchester, and Concord. An additional \$5M requested next biennium for stand alone parcels.	Summer 2025	1,300,000.00

The following capital accounts are scheduled to be lapsed June 30, 2025

HB25 FY24/25	Acct. Unit	Description	Balance Scheduled to be Lapsed
Amended	71610000 (100%F)	<u>19-146:1IA - Aviation Readiness</u> This project is the remaining balance of construction funds not included in the previous biennium's appropriation. Funds will be used to design and construct a new 100% federally reimbursed Readiness Center at the Army Aviation Support Facility site in Concord, New Hampshire. This project will provide high quality facilities that significantly enhance strategic readiness by locating aviation units with their aircraft.	0.00

Initial HB25 - AU93280000: 21-1X1- Anti Terrorism - Force Protection and 21-1X2- Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements

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Amended	93280000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X1- Anti Terrorism - Force Protection</u> This project would provide for the renovation and expansion of existing site work at the Edward Cross Training Center in Pembroke, NH. Due to increasing force structure, the Army National Guard has stationed a unit at the Regional Training Institute. The parking facilities, to include security requirements for unit equipment, do not meet federal requirements. This project would expand existing parking, address security deficits, and provide for better access to training assets.	1,660,000.00	1,660,000.00	To be used for Stand alone facility upgrades and other site improvement upgrades.	Fall 2025	1,660,000.00
Amended	93290000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X2- Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements</u> This project would provide for the renovation of existing 100% federally supported projects across the State for construction, alteration or renovation of spaces to reduce energy consumption or construct renewable energy resources. The Army National Guard has successfully added solar generation to four sites. This project would allow for the expansion of those efforts statewide.	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	National Guard funded project for micro grid, funded FFY 24.	Fall 2025	3,500,000.00

Repurpose - AU93280000 and AU93290000 to Pembroke RTI Upgrades

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Amended	93280000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X1- Pembroke RTI Upgrades</u> This funding request would provide for the design, construction, or renovation a solar Photo Voltaic (PV) array and associated covered parking area to support the Pembroke Regional Training Institute in its energy and anti-terrorism resiliency. The project will include roadways, surface finishes, physical security measures, and other associated site improvements as appropriate. This project will decrease the state's utility consumption and is 100% federally reimbursed.	1,660,000.00	1,660,000.00	To be used for Pembroke RTI Upgrades	Fall 2025	1,660,000.00
Amended	93290000 (100%F)	<u>21-1X2-Pembroke RTI Upgrades</u> This funding request would provide for the design, construction, or renovation a solar Photo Voltaic (PV) array and associated covered parking area to support the Pembroke Regional Training Institute in its energy and anti-terrorism resiliency. The project will include roadways, surface finishes, physical security measures, and other associated site improvements as appropriate. This project will decrease the state's utility consumption and is 100% federally reimbursed.	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00			3,500,000.00

Initial HB25 - AU93330000: 21-1X6-Warehouse Facility Upgrades - Merrimack County

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Amended	93330000 (100%F)	21-1X6-Warehouse Facility Upgrades - Merrimack County This funding request would provide for the design, construction or renovation, and Department of Public Works oversight on a warehouse storage facility for the receipt and distribution of federal equipment.	2,600,000.00	2,600,000.00	Currently on hold	Spring 2026	2,600,000.00

Repurpose - AU93330000 - 21-1X6-Minor Military Construction - Strafford County

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Amended	93330000 (100%F)	21-1X6-Minor Military Construction - Strafford County Combine this AU 93330000 with AU 93320000 to fund the entire project with total of \$9,600,000.00 for the design and construction of training support space in Strafford County. This project will increase the state's utility consumption.	2,600,000.00	2,600,000.00	Ph. 1 Barracks, partially funded FFY 25 (\$2M). Also includes Physical Fitness Facility Congressionally directed spending, awaiting initial design authority from NGB.	Spring 2026	2,600,000.00