Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement  

Background

University Facilities
- The University of Minnesota is home to more than 850 buildings covering nearly 28 million square feet throughout the state.
- The University has the oldest inventory of public buildings in Minnesota; 25 percent of Twin Cities campus buildings are more than 70 years old.
- The University’s buildings are unique and complex. They include biological and chemical laboratories, biosafety containment facilities, medical clinics, magnetic resonance facilities, and large public venues. All require sophisticated building technology.

Project Description

Ensuring a Safe and Accessible Environment
- Each day, more than 80,000 faculty, staff, students, and visitors use University facilities.
- HEAPR funds are used to improve safety, eliminate barriers to access, abate hazardous materials, and improve air quality.

Extending Building Life
- HEAPR funds are used to extend the useful life of University buildings and are critical to preserving past investments.
- Timely renewal and replacement of roofs, windows, walls, and electrical systems reduces future costs.
- Energy efficiency improvements allow the University to convert conventional buildings into sustainable structures, thereby increasing value, lowering costs, and yielding a higher return on investment.

More than Bricks and Mortar
- HEAPR investments help the University to strategically reduce operating costs, leverage research grants, advance sustainability goals, and enhance student success.

Benefits

Maximize the life of the existing infrastructure by completing more than 100 projects on the Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Twin Cities campuses and at research and field stations throughout the state.

Individual projects fall into one of four categories:
- Health, safety, and accessibility
- Building systems
- Utility infrastructure
- Energy efficiency

Investment: $125 million in state funding