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Executive Council  
L O C A L

Subject: Windows Vandalized at Fort Defiance State Park on November 3,  
2025 Department of Natural Resources  
Claim dated January 7, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4192

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$10,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau,  
Department of Natural Resources  
Kara Bryant, Budget & Finance, Department of Natural Resources  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

January 7, 2026

Victoria Newton  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth  
Auditor's Office  
Lucas Building  
LOCAL

RE: Window Vandalism at Fort Defiance State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Monday, November 3, 2025, vandalism was reported at Fort Defiance State Park, specifically damaging four windows at the lodge. Initial notification of the damages was sent via email by Seth Moore on the same date. We have attached a cost estimate of \$10,000.00 for the necessary window replacements.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost of window replacement

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$10,000.00 for AOS ID #4192.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration in reviewing this material. Please inform me if it would be advantageous to participate in the Executive Council meeting in order to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief  
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

**ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS**

Fort Defiance State Park

Lodge Window Replacement Estimate

12/29/2025

Full Project					
Item No.	Description	Quant	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Window Replacement	4		\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>