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June 30, 2025

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Executive Council
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Subject: Damages Due to Substantial Leak of Hot Water Tank in Grove Unit
on February 20, 2025
Fort Dodge Correctional Facility – Department of Corrections
Claim Dated April 29, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4062

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 Fort Dodge Correctional Facility – Department of Corrections is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$200,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Beth Skinner, Director, Department of Corrections
Don Harris, Warden, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility
Dru Saathoff, Associate Warden, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



Iowa Department of Corrections

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BETH SKINNER, PHD, DIRECTOR
DON HARRIS, WARDEN


April 29, 2025

Executive Council of Iowa
Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: 29C Claim Notice_ Grove Hot Water Tank_Update with Final Cost Estimate

Honorable Council Members:


On February 20, 2025, I provided notice of a leak in our Grove Unit hot water tank. Since then, DAS has done a project budget for project 9471.00. The budget for this project is \$200,000 as outlined below. We are asking for approval of that amount to be allocated. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Project To Budget

 Budget

Budget

Budget Details

Forecasting

View

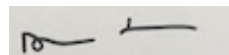
Procure Standard Budget

Snapshot

Current

Description	Original Budget Amount
00-01.MM24 DAS Costs.MM24	\$12,000.00
00-02.MM24 Construction Manager PC.MM24	\$12,000.00
00-03.MM24 Construction Manager CA.MM24	\$25,000.00
00-04.MM24 Design.MM24	\$15,000.00
00-06.MM24 Construction BRUM.MM24	\$110,000.00
00-09.MM24 HazMat Testing.MM24	\$1,000.00
00-10.MM24 Printing.MM24	\$250.00
00-17.MM24 Contingency.MM24	\$24,750.00
Grand Totals	\$200,000.00

Sincerely,



Dru Saathoff
Associate Warden of Administration

Cc: Tammy Hollingsworth, Office of the Auditor
Jennie Elliot, DAS



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Original Notification Email with letter attachment sent 2/20/25:

29C.20 Notice FDCF - Grove Hot Water Tank



Saathoff, Dru <dru.saathoff@iowa.gov>

to TOS, Jeremiah, Jennie, Tammy ▾

Feb 20, 2025, 12:52 PM

Please note the attached 29.20 notice. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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Dru Saathoff

Associate Warden Administration

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RE: 29C Claim Notice

Honorable Council Members:

On today, a substantial leak was discovered in our hot water tank on Grove Unit. This tank provides hot water for the entire living unit. We are in the process of making a temporary repair and will need to proceed with a replacement soon working with DAS. We anticipate the cost will be around \$200,000 to replace this unit but will provide additional information when it is available. We believe this is covered under Iowa Code 29C.20.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dru Saathoff", is shown on a light-colored background.

Dru Saathoff
Associate Warden of Administration

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