

**City of Corcoran**



**MASTER (Multi-Agency Skills Training and Emergency Response) Facility**

**State Bonding Request:** \$10,000,000

**Total Civic Campus Cost:** Not to exceed \$50,000,000

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**Project Summary**

The City of Corcoran requests \$10 million in state bonding to design and construct a MASTER Regional Public Safety Facility to be located within the City’s planned municipal campus. The facility will provide emergency operations and regional command spaces to strengthen regional readiness, support mutual aid operations, and improve coordination with county, state, and federal partners during emergencies. The facility will offer centralized, modern training infrastructure for law enforcement agencies serving the north-west metropolitan region that currently lack adequate access to safe, affordable, and consistent training facilities.

The project supports regional collaboration, strengthens regional preparedness, improves officer safety, and reduces reliance on distant or temporary training locations and duplicative investments by individual agencies.

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**Why Corcoran?**

Corcoran and our neighboring municipalities are some of the fastest growing areas in the Twin Cities in the last few years and are projected to continue. Long-term projections from the Metropolitan Council forecast shows significant percentage gains for several outer suburbs, with Corcoran, Dayton, and Victoria among those expected to grow substantially by 2050.

The City is best position for the project due to already owning the project site and they have completed planning studies to support the project. Public engagement is also underway with final designs anticipated in late 2026, construction commencing in 2027, and substantial completion in 2028. And finally, the City of Corcoran is uniquely staffed with the personnel to make this project happen. From the police chief and firearms instructor who are recognized and influential leaders in their fields, to the city manager’s strong background in organizational leadership and project management, the City and its leadership team are well positioned to deliver a successful project that meets the needs of its region.

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## **Public Purpose**

The City of Corcoran proposes the creation of a publicly owned, shared-use facility designed to serve the needs of the area's multiple small and mid-sized law enforcement agencies. The project will improve emergency response readiness and interagency coordination as well as officer decision-making and de-escalation skills. By consolidating training resources, the project will ensure efficient use of public funds while enhancing safety for officers and the communities they serve.

Building on existing mutual-aid and training partnerships, the city will establish formal use agreements for the facility with small and mid-sized agencies that are centered on long-term shared use and that ensure reliable, timely, and equitable access.

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## **Public Need - *What need will this fill that MG can't?***

The city of Corcoran and our neighboring communities believe maintaining strong relationships between peace officers and our residents they serve remains essential. This begins with preparing officers with a facility to develop the skills necessary to effectively and safely address the wide range of situations they may encounter in the field.

Seventy percent of police departments in Minnesota have fewer than 20 officers, and for many of these small agencies, state-allocated training reimbursements are their only source of funding for mandated professional development. As state training dollars continue to diminish, local departments are increasingly challenged to find cost-effective ways to keep officers in compliance with statutory requirements. The MASTER Public Safety Campus provides small agencies the opportunity to satisfy their mandatory training requirements for their officers at little to no cost in a space that is dedicated to small agency needs when the Maple Grove facility is at capacity and focused on larger agency training needs.

The membership structure of the Maple Grove facility places a priority on the significant training needs of the region's largest law enforcement agencies. As a result, there are various barriers for small and mid-sized law enforcement agencies to effectively and continuously train their personnel in the region. Access barriers include scheduling, availability, and finances, while there remain limitations at the facility to execute smaller scale specialized training. The current operating environment demands access to continuous dynamic intentional training capabilities that do not currently exist for small agencies.

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## Project Scope

Regional Emergency Operations and Command Center: A regional emergency operations and command center (EOC) is not just a facility—it is the core of coordinated public safety and continuity of government during times of crisis. When disasters strike or major incidents unfold, small and mid-sized law enforcement agencies often face immediate capacity challenges. A dedicated, secure command space equipped with interoperable communications and redundancy systems ensures that these agencies can continue operating without interruption. A regional EOC manages logistics, tracks assets, and allocates personnel and equipment where they are needed most. This prevents critical shortages, accelerates response times, and ensures equitable support across communities.

Small and Mid-Sized Agency Public Safety Training: centralized, modern training infrastructure for the small and mid-sized law enforcement agencies in the area that currently rely on expensive, distant, limited, or temporary facilities. The facility would include:

- **Indoor Training Range**: a modern, flexible, live-fire range meeting current safety and acoustic standards
- **Scenario-Based Training Spaces**: reconfigurable environments for realistic, hands-on training, including crisis response and de-escalation
- **Virtual Training Systems**: simulation technology that provides frequent, cost-effective training while reducing risk and operating costs
- **K-9 Training Areas**: the metro area's only dedicated, indoor and outdoor spaces supporting K-9 team training.

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## State Bonding Justification

State bonding is appropriate due to the project's regional public safety impact, long-term public ownership, and efficient shared-use model. The facility will provide lasting public benefits across multiple jurisdictions by reducing duplicative training infrastructure and strengthening regional preparedness.