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## **Billions in Deferred Main enance Projec s Coming o U.S. Facili ies**

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Deferred maintenance is a major problem for many public entities throughout the U.S. including cities, counties, school districts, universities, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies. Upgrading their facilities will cost billions of dollars, and the longer this issue remains unaddressed, the greater the bUbVJU 'Vi fXYb'k ]``VY'cb'HJI dUnYfg'

In recent years, federal, state, and local governments have made funding a priority to begin the slow and somewhat painful process of addressing these problems. New initiatives have been launched to address the maintenance issues and many public assets are already in various stages of repair, renovation, or replacement.

Congress has made funding available through the American Rescue Plan and other initiatives, and money is also being approved through bond elections, state coffers, and publicprivate partnerships, which bring private sector capital. As a result, many projects will be launched in 2024 and over the bYI hgYj YfU`mYUfg'H\Y'a U'cf]ImcZt\Y']b]hJuhJj Yg'k ]``VY``Uf[ Yž Waa d`YI žUbX`WaghmH\YfYZcfYždf]j UhY`gYWcf`Wa``UVcfUhJcb'k ]``` be in high demand.

Some upcoming deferred maintenance projects include:

» A \$300 million grant from the EPA will allow the International Boundary and Water Commission to handle gca Y'g][b] WbhXYZYffYX'a U]bhYbUbW']ggi Yg'UbX'h Yb' double the capacity of a federal wastewater plant in San Diego, California. A recent assessment revealed that \$150 million will be needed to address deferred maintenance on



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