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Boise VA Hospital is Expanding

Will take over old Mountain Cove high school campus

The [Boise VA Medical Center](#) continues its expansion at the former Mountain Cove High School campus. The Mountain Cove campus is three acres and is next to the 54-acre VA site.

The VA purchased the school from the Boise School District in 2009 for \$2 million. Bob Crawford, VA assistant chief of facilities management, said renovations of some of Mountain Cove's dilapidated buildings started in 2010 and are undertaken as funding becomes available. To date, \$870,000 has been spent, mostly on plumbing, heating, HVAC, asbestos and mold removal, and utility work.

"We don't have a time frame in place, but renovations will happen based on funding and as the need arises for additional space," Crawford said.

A gym was remodeled into a large conference space, and two modular buildings were updated into a women's clinic and compensation and pension offices. Another school building, built in 1930, will be renovated into an employee orientation and training center.

"In Idaho, we serve 25,000 people a year and are constantly outgrowing our campus and space," VA spokesman Josh Callihan said.

