

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Information Systems
Category: General Government
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

To automate the process of receiving incoming mail from applicants responding to our requests for additional information.

Funding:	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Total</u>
PFD Fund	\$125,000						\$125,000
Total:	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

As a result of the Needs Assessment done by Wostmann and Associates, PFD established a new data entry system and implemented Phase I of Imaging Technology. They suggested that PFD acquire the ability to do real-time scans to reduce cycle time.

The purpose of this project is to automate the process of receiving incoming mail from applications responding to our requests for additional information. The volume of incoming mail far exceeds 400,000 envelopes, each containing at least one piece of paper. OCR capability will allow PFD to pre-code applicant correspondence, recognize when it's received, and file it at the same time, as opposed to receiving, scanning, linking, and processing it before the information is reviewed. This is part of the real-time processing that needs to be done with the purchase of equipment and software. We will also eventually use this system to process incoming paper applications.

With the addition of OCR capabilities, we anticipate eliminating duplicate correspondence sent in by the public, along with reduced phone calls to our dividend information offices. We will be able to identify mail as it is received even though it hasn't been processed yet. This gives the public confidence that we haven't lost the correspondence they sent to us.