

Statewide Remodeling Projects**FY2004 Request: \$950,000****Reference No: 37743****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Rhonda McLeod**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)264-8215**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Renovation projects to increase staff efficiency, improve access for the public and increase efficiency of conducting court business (particularly accommodation for improved technology).

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Gen Fund	\$950,000	\$500,000	\$495,000				\$1,945,000
Total:	\$950,000	\$500,000	\$495,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,945,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input 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 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:

FY2003 - \$225,000 for Kotzebue Court Design

Bill Language:

(Budget requests from agencies of the Judicial Branch are transmitted as requested.)

Project Description/Justification:

This request includes numerous small remodeling projects at many courts around the state. In general they fall into three categories: 1) remodeling the judicial bench and in-court stations in the courtrooms to accommodate the technology that improves timeliness and accuracy of court proceedings 2) installing lighting to improve the safety of employees and public accessing our facilities, and 3) working on customer service counters to improve access. The trial courts in Anchorage need a multi-litigant courtroom to handle civil cases and a grand jury hearing room in the Boney Courthouse.

The Kotzebue courthouse, constructed in 1971, is the most substandard superior court facility in the state. The space is poorly laid out due to piecemeal expansions and remodel projects which addressed urgent needs in the past. It has many functional problems, including antiquated heating, ventilation, and electrical wiring systems. The building also needs new interior finishes, and 1600 square feet to provide an adequate superior courtroom, jury assembly and judicial offices. Expansion and improvement at the existing facility will be difficult because there is not adequate unused land adjacent to the courthouse, and temporary space to house the court during construction has not been found. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has indicated a willingness to enter a long-term lease with the court system. This request covers the funds needed for construction and remodel of the DMVA armory space.

The court system is installing computers, digital recording systems and other equipment to improve efficiency of proceedings in the courtroom and to improve the quality of the recorded transcripts. Many courtrooms constructed prior to 1985 do not provide adequate space in the in-court station to accommodate the equipment being installed. Also, the judge's bench often is not designed to provide good ergonomics for a person seated in a restricted area for several hours

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of the work day.

The parking garage in Anchorage does not have adequate lighting to ensure safety during hours of darkness. There are also buildings that do not have adequate exterior lighting to ensure safety for court system staff. This request includes funding to install additional lighting.

Projects included in this request	Cost	FY
Improve lighting in Anchorage parking garage	\$100,000	2006
Reconstruct in-court clerk's station in the following court locations:	\$250,000	2006
1st District: 13 stations in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell		
2nd District: 4 stations in Nome and Kotzebue		
3rd District: 18 stations in Dillingham, Palmer, Kenai, Homer, Seward, Glennallen, Anchorage, Valdez		
4th District: 3 stations in Tok, Delta Junction, Galena		
Remodel and upgrade Kotzebue courthouse	\$950,000	2004
Construct family court area, multi-litigant courtroom and grand jury hearing room in Anchorage	\$500,000	2005
Improvements for judge's bench in 9 locations	\$45,000	2006
Improve customer service counters in 6 locations	\$60,000	2006
New public seating in several courtrooms: Boney Courthouse, Dillingham, Homer	\$40,000	2006
Project Total	\$1,945,000	

Note: project total includes cost of bid document production and project management