

Safety and Support Equipment for Probation Officers and Front Line Workers

FY2008 Request: \$490,800
Reference No: 32446

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment

Category: Health/Human Services

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project funds critical equipment needed by the Department to enhance security and program efficiency and replace aging equipment within division offices. There is an urgent need for this equipment so that Juvenile Justice detention and probation officers and front line Public Assistance workers can perform their duties safely and effectively.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$245,400	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		\$1,245,400
G/F Match	\$245,400	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$4,245,400
Gen Fund		\$48,094	\$48,094	\$48,094	\$48,094		\$192,376
Total:	\$490,800	\$1,298,094	\$1,298,094	\$1,298,094	\$1,298,094	\$0	\$5,683,176

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
50% = 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:	4,800	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	
Totals:	4,800	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH82/SLA06/P74/L5 - \$28.4 GF, \$320.2 GF Match, and \$151.4 Federal
 CH159/SLA04/P27/L10 - \$350.0 Federal Unrestricted and \$130.2 Federal
 CH82/SLA03/P29/L8 - \$260.0 GF and \$135.0 Federal
 CH1/SSSLA02/P40/L26 - \$400 GF and \$714.2 Federal
 CH61/SLA01/P19/L11 - \$200.0 GF and \$2,331.0 Federal
 CH135/SLA00/P14/L21 - \$163.2 AHFC Dividends and \$38.9 Federal

Project Description/Justification:

This project includes a broad range of equipment needed for the Department's operations. It is the intent of the Department that funds will be used for the acquisition of equipment necessary to improve security and efficiency for Juvenile Justice Detention and probation officers, and for Public Assistance workers located in facilities throughout the state.

The list of equipment presented in this request is comprehensive and covers all known equipment needs for the requested divisions now. The Department will purchase equipment based on the lists below to the greatest extent possible. However, actual allocation of funds for particular equipment will depend on a determination of current needs at the time that funds become available.

A. Division of Juvenile Justice \$125.4

The Division of Juvenile Justice requests funds to provide for statewide safety, security and equipment improvements for probation officers and juvenile justice officers

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Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility

Computer System LCD Touch Screens. These screens are used to controls door locks from the control room at the youth facility. The screens now being used are wearing out and need to be replaced.

Mat-Su Youth Facility

Security Camera/Recorder. There is no method of recording events at the facility and the parking lot camera is inadequate to monitor the entire lot. This funding will be used to install a digital video recorder and a pan tilt zoom camera for the parking lot.

Security Fencing. There is no secured area off the resident wing for egress. This funding will add and extend the recreation yard fence to include the exit door.

Fairbanks Youth Facility

Radio Replacement. The Fairbanks Youth Facility, in conjunction with Fairbanks probation, needs to upgrade their radio system to the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system. The existing radios have limited range and channel reception. The system used is similar to the old analog phone system, and since the Fairbanks Police Department and the Alaska State Troopers have moved on to digital systems, our present radios are so outdated that staff cannot communicate by radio with them. Additionally, at the court building, juvenile justice officers constantly come face to face with Court Services Officers who are moving adult prisoners because of our limited radio range and antiquated system. Contact between juveniles held by the State and adult prisoners are a violation of federal law that could impact federal funding for the Division of Juvenile Justice.

The equipment to be purchased and/or replaced includes 15 hand held ALMR radios, 5 vehicle ALMR radios, 1 base station, 2 desktop remotes, 1 gang charger, antenna and connectors, and labor. Five hand held radios would go to probation, five to detention, and five to treatment. Three vehicle radios would go to probation, one to detention, and one to treatment.

This would replace all of the radios for the Division of Juvenile Justice in Fairbanks and allow us to communicate with other law enforcement agencies in the city.

McLaughlin Youth Center

Radio Replacement. The McLaughlin Youth Center has 40 Motorola 1250 radios, and we are temporarily using the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) emergency broadcast channel, because last year our frequency was given to Homeland Security for the ALMR project. We have encountered severe communication interference in sharing a channel with the DEC. It seems doubtful that we will again have our own frequency. Enterprise Technology Services is encouraging users to purchase the new ALMR radios. This improvement will bring our radios up to current technology and increase safety and security of the facility, residents and staff. These requested funds will be used to purchase 40 Motorola XTS 500 Model II radios.

Probation Services Safety Equipment

Funding is needed for the purchase of safety equipment for division probation officers. Some of the items listed below are relatively inexpensive, but when consideration is given to the number of items needed, the cumulative cost becomes too much to be absorbed through the operating budget. These equipment items listed below are needed throughout the state and are related to the safety of the probation officers and the juvenile offenders.

Soft Body Armor/Ballistic vests. There are several new probation officers who are in need of vests. Additionally, vests have a life of five years before they must be replaced. This request accounts for those that should be replaced in FY08. Approximately 15 vests, at a cost of about \$600 each, are needed.

Radios/Juvenile Transport Vehicles. About one-half of the field services vehicles do not have radios that allow for contact with local law enforcement or the nearest facility. Approximately 20 vehicle radios, at a cost of about \$2,500 each, are needed.

Radios/Hand Held. Hand held radios enhance officer safety. The ratio of these radios to officers does not need to be one per officer, but a sufficient number for safety should be available. In offices where there are only a few probation officers, the ratio will be 1:1; in offices where there are several probation officers, the ratio will be 2:1. Approximately 35 hand-held radios, at a cost of about \$900 each, are needed.

Jackets/Officer ID/Arrest, Transport. Post 9/11 security has been especially heightened in malls and airports. Juvenile probation officers and social services associates accompany youth for airplane transportation in airports and for post-release rehabilitation activities, such as job applications and work, in malls. Heightened post 9/11 security makes it critical that

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juvenile probation officers and social services associates wear gear that easily identifies them as law enforcement officials. Approximately 100 jackets, at a cost of about \$75 each, are needed.

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Handcuffs. Additional handcuffs are being requested for new officers and for current offices that do not have enough handcuffs.

Handcuff Cases. Cuff cases are critical equipment when engaging in an arrest to keep equipment from being conspicuous and also to allow for easy access. This increases officer safety. Approximately 40 handcuff cases, at a cost of about \$25 each, are needed.

Cuff Waist Belts. Not all offices currently have waist belt restraints. Approximately 15 cuff waist belts, at a cost of about \$50 each, are needed.

Cuff Leg Irons. Not all offices currently have leg iron restraints. Approximately 10 cuff leg irons, at a cost of about \$50 each, are needed.

Walk-Thru Metal Detectors. Several offices do not have either barriers to aid with security or office access control. Because these offices are not located in a youth detention facility, they usually do not have access to larger security screening devices. Having this equipment will provide security in places where construction of barriers is not feasible due to office layout. A few offices share space with the Office of Children's Services, which makes security even more important so that children and parents served by the Office of Children's Services are not endangered. Approximately 10 walk-thru metal detectors, at a cost of about \$2,500 each, are needed.

Hand Held Metal Detectors. Some offices need of new hand held security devices because the current units do not work. Approximately 5 hand-held metal detectors, at a cost of about \$200 each, are needed.

Digital Cameras. Access to a digital camera is necessary for the Juvenile Justice Juvenile Offender Management Information System. Digital cameras are used to take initial photos for the case file. These pictures assist if/when warrants are issued for youth who are absent without leave. Approximately 4 digital cameras, at a cost of about \$250 each, are needed.

New Cage for Vehicles/Arrest, Transport for Mat-Su vehicle. Most vehicles have barriers/cages. One is requested for Mat-Su because the current vehicle has limited visibility, reducing safety of arrestees and officers. This cage is estimated to cost about \$800.

Emergency Call Button Installation and/or Improvement. Currently, we have several offices that do not have barriers to restrict public access or any connection to a youth detention facility. These offices would benefit from "man down" devices that alert local law enforcement there is an emergency in the office. Approximately 10 emergency call buttons, at a cost of about \$250 each, are needed.

B. Division of Public Assistance \$365.4

The Division of Public Assistance is committed to providing a safe, professional, and efficient workplace for employees. As workplace environments have changed and day-to-day activities performed by staff require more technology-based functions, it is critical that staff ergonomic needs are met. By meeting the basic workplace needs of staff we increase productivity, reduce staff absences, workers compensation claims, and maintain the focus of the agency's mission. Budgetary constraints require a prolonged life cycle replacement of worker safety equipment. Below is a comprehensive list for all equipment needs for the Division of Public Assistance. The division will allocate funds that are approved through this request based on the highest needs for the division offices throughout the state.

Coastal Region

Kenai/Homer	4 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 14,000
Kenai/Homer	4 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 225	\$ 900

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Anchorage Field Office	4 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$	3,500	\$	14,000
Anchorage Field Office	1 Large Conference Room Tables	\$	900	\$	900
Anchorage Field Office	18 Ergonomic Meeting Room Chairs	\$	200	\$	3,600
Anchorage Field Office	2 Tall Modular partition	\$	250	\$	500
Anchorage Field Office	1 Mail Slot Station	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Anchorage Field Office	4 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$	900	\$	3,600
Bethel	1 Mobile Work Station	\$	500	\$	500
Bethel	2 Adjustable Height Computer Work Station	\$	900	\$	1,800
Bethel	2 Utility Tables	\$	300	\$	600
Bethel	4 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$	900	\$	3,600
Sub-Total				\$	45,000

Support Units

Statewide	6 Wireless Headsets	\$	225	\$	1,350
Statewide	13 Ergonomic Keyboards and Mice	\$	100	\$	1,300
Statewide	6 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$	225	\$	1,350
Statewide	6 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$	3,500	\$	21,000
Sub-Total				\$	25,000

Child Care

Statewide	2 Wireless Headsets	\$	225	\$	450
Statewide	6 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$	225	\$	1,350
Statewide	6 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$	200	\$	1,200
Statewide	2 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$	3,500	\$	7,000
Sub-Total				\$	10,000

Northern Region

Fairbanks	10 Track Filing Platform	\$	1,000	\$	10,000
Fairbanks	12 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$	225	\$	2,700
Fairbanks	14 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$	200	\$	2,800
Fairbanks	7 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$	3,500	\$	24,500
Sub-Total				\$	40,000

Southeast Region

Juneau	3 Monitor Risers	\$	50	\$	150
Juneau	3 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$	225	\$	675

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Juneau	1 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Juneau	1 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 900	\$ 900
Juneau	3 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 200	\$ 600
Juneau	3 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 10,500
Juneau	3 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 900	\$ 2,700
Juneau	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 200	\$ 400
Juneau	3 Keyboard Tray	\$ 101	\$ 303
Ketchikan	2 Monitor Risers	\$ 50	\$ 100
Ketchikan	1 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 225	\$ 225
Ketchikan	2 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinets	\$ 900	\$ 1,800
Ketchikan	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 200	\$ 400
Ketchikan	3 Keyboard Tray	\$ 101	\$ 303
Ketchikan	1 Wireless headsets	\$ 170	\$ 170
Ketchikan	2 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,000
Sitka	2 Monitor Risers	\$ 50	\$ 100
Sitka	1 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$ 225	\$ 225
Sitka	2 Ergonomic Task Chairs	\$ 200	\$ 400
Sub-Total			\$ 30,451
DPA Central			
Mat-Su	14 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 49,000
Mat-Su	14 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 900	\$ 12,600
Mat-Su	1 Reception chairs	\$ 200	\$ 200
Mat-Su	15 Document holders	\$ 30	\$ 450
Mat-Su	15 Wireless headsets	\$ 250	\$ 3,750
Mat-Su	2 Automatic ADA door openers	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
Mat-Su	1 Extended intercom System	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Gambell	20 Angled Training Room Tables	\$ 400	\$ 8,000
Gambell	28 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 98,000
Gambell	38 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$ 500	\$ 19,000
Gambell	14 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 300	\$ 4,200
APA	12 Ergonomic Work Stations	\$ 3,500	\$ 42,000
APA	12 Reception chairs	\$ 200	\$ 2,400
APA	12 5-drawer file cabinets	\$ 300	\$ 3,600

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Muldoon/ER	15 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$	500	\$	7,500
Regional	4 Ergonomic workstation chairs	\$	500	\$	2,000
Regional	4 Reception chairs	\$	200	\$	800
Regional	1 Book case	\$	100	\$	100
Regional	2 Locking lateral file cabinets	\$	300	\$	600
Regional	10 Situs Ergonomic Evaluations	\$	225	\$	2,250
Sub-Total				<u>\$ 265,450</u>	
PA Grand Total				\$415,901	

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by providing vehicles and equipment that will allow staff to carry out their responsibilities effectively and in a safe manner.

The end results to which this project contributes are "Improve juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services resulting in higher levels of accountability and public safety" and "Low income families and individuals become economically self-sufficient".