

Fairbanks Youth Facility

FY2022 Request: \$18,986,720
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AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Fairbanks (Areawide)
Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 07/01/2026

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Various
House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Fairbanks Youth Facility, originally constructed in the 1970s, provides a secure detention program for boys and girls, treatment services for boys, and provides space for Fairbanks juvenile probation and administrative staff. The building has antiquated mechanical systems that are in need of replacement, including heating, electrical and plumbing. The current building does not provide for ideal safety and security of staff and residents or allow for efficient programming and operations. Development of a secure facility entry point that includes a screening area, an intake, transfer and release station, and a medical suite comprise the major projects that will correct most of the deficiencies in the facility.

Funding:	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1167 NTSC Bond	\$18,986,720						\$18,986,720
Total:	\$18,986,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,986,720

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

This project also includes overall campus improvements for the health and well-being of Alaska's youth in need of detention and treatment.

FY2022 Phase 1 - \$11,961.6

1. Treatment
 - a. Construct a new treatment unit; this will be a 14-bed unit (12 regular rooms and 2 observation cells for improved short-term behavior management of high risk youth) similar to the units at the McLaughlin Youth Center in Anchorage and at the Johnson Youth Center in Juneau.
 - b. Relocate Mental Health Clinician office to be off the dayroom for improved response to mental health needs.
 - c. Create a loading dock for secure delivery of program related products, food and laundry.

2. Probation and Administration

- a. Create safe interview rooms for the juvenile probation officers. Currently probation staff hold interviews with youth and families in their offices where egress can be difficult in a dangerous situation and potentially violent youth have access to objects in offices that they can use as weapons.
- b. Create a UA sample toilet room, improving privacy and confidentiality.

FY2023 Phase 2 - \$7,025.2

3. Intake, Detention and Screening

- a. Construct an addition to provide a safe environment for police officers to escort juveniles to the facility's intake area.
- b. Renovate the building's primary entry point to provide a secure screening area for all visitors. This modification will reduce the risk of visitors entering the facility with weapons or other contraband.
- c. Relocate the medical suite adjacent to the new intake area, allowing for medical screening to take place immediately after the youth enters the facility.
- d. Relocate the Unit Supervisor office to be off the dayroom to increase response time in an emergency.
- e. Add a new larger classroom that will increase educational opportunities.
- f. Construct an outdoor recreation area to provide residents with a secure outdoor gym activity area.

Campus-Wide Project Benefits

Reduce deferred maintenance costs for Fairbanks Youth Facility by approximately \$1,824.6. The current deferred maintenance list for Fairbanks Youth Facility is \$2,713.4.

The safety and security of both juvenile clients/residents and staff is a primary concern within the division. If this project is not funded, the division will continue to struggle with the safety and security issues prevalent at this site. Antiquated systems will fail within the facility and will need to be addressed on an emergency basis with limited contingency funds and potentially resulting in a supplemental budget request. Significant system failures could require the temporary or longer-term relocation of probation and administrative offices to leased space in the community. In those circumstances, detention and treatment residents will need to be relocated to other facilities throughout the State of Alaska, creating potential for significant overcrowding and increased financial obligations to ensure safety and security of staff and residents.