

Anchorage Correctional Complex- West Dental

FY2025 Request: \$250,000
Reference No: 65178

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Anchorage Areawide

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 9 - 24)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3311

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Anchorage Correctional Complex (ACC)-West has closed the dental clinic due to health and safety issues. The dental clinic had obsolete and failing equipment that required replacement for continued dental services. The equipment was replaced, but the new equipment no longer fits within the existing space parameters, requiring space modification for the re-opening and continuance of dental clinic services in the facility.

Funding:	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>Total</u>
1004 Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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"/> 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

Renovation of the space at ACC-West is necessary to accommodate the new equipment as the existing floor plan does not provide adequate space and workflow for staff to easily utilize the equipment and safely care for inmates needing dental services.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is statutorily mandated to provide necessary medical and dental services to prisoners. In 2021 the Alaska State Ombudsman found a complaint was justified when DOC was unable to meet its obligation to provide timely access to necessary dental health care services due to shortage of dental staff and program resources. Their recommendations focused on DOC improving and expanding inmate access to dental care.

Funding for this project will provide for the renovation of the ACC-West dental clinic and meet statutory requirements.