

Pilatus PC12NG Aircraft Acquisition

FY2025 Request: \$6,200,000

Reference No: 65156

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Pilatus PC 12NG would be a significant lifesaving and mission critical asset for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This aircraft has the capability to land at 96 percent of the 215 maintained airports across Alaska allowing for rapid law enforcement response.

| 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 | \$6,200,000 | | | | | | \$6,200,000 |
| Total: | \$6,200,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,200,000 |

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| <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:

The Pilatus PC-12NG is a world-renowned single engine turbine-powered, all-weather aircraft that has built a worldwide reputation for being reliable and capable. This aircraft is utilized across the globe to transport passengers and cargo to remote areas. This airframe has proven itself particularly useful in the Alaskan environment.

The Pilatus PC-12 NG sits higher off the ground than other aircraft and has significantly better landing and takeoff capabilities, allowing the aircraft to access 96 percent of the 215 maintained airports across Alaska (assuming the aircraft is fully loaded) for takeoff and landing. All airports in Alaska could be accessed with less than full load or in emergency circumstances.

This aircraft has great potential for DPS considering its performance capabilities, the large cargo door, and its ability to convert the interior for transportation of passengers, cargo, search and rescue, or a combination of these services. The Pilatus PC-12NG would be able to provide a broader level of service to Alaskan citizens than similar turbine powered all weather aircraft. This aircraft will significantly enhance the capability of DPS by:

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- Providing rapid law enforcement response to nearly every community with a maintained airport in Alaska.
- Providing cost saving alternatives for the movement of DPS employees across the state to their duty posts, temporary assignments, and training.
- Helping to fulfill DPS's mandate to transport prisoners statewide.