

Law Office Security Improvements

FY2007 Request: \$260,000

Reference No: 41865

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

Category: Law and Justice

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Build secure public reception areas in Juneau, Fairbanks and Ketchikan. Recarpet 6th Floor Dimond Courthouse to improve employee safety and replace worn out carpet. Add security screening in district attorney office locations.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$260,000						\$260,000
Total:	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$260,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

Employee safety and security is a major concern in today's workplace environment. Many District Attorney Offices are co-located with the Court System and Public Defender posing the constant potential for confrontation with between prosecutors, paraprofessionals, support staff and the victims of crime and perpetrators of crime. Additionally, some assistant attorneys general are frequently involved in cases involving termination of parental rights and garnishment of pay checks and permanent fund dividends to reimburse the state for cost of incarceration, cost of appointed counsel or other debt owed to the state. There have been actual incidents wherein members of the public posed a threat to department employees in the workplace. In a number of locations, the open floor plan does not provide adequate protection and employees feel threatened and vulnerable. To address this and prevent further incidents, Law plans to construct closed reception areas that include bullet-proof glass for the receptionist with the rest of office accessible only through locked doors. Card readers will allow employees to come and go with minimal inconvenience and disruption. The public will be screened by intercom and/or in-door peek holes. Construction projects are slated for the 6th floor Dimond Courthouse, the Ketchikan Courthouse, and the Attorney General's Office in Fairbanks.

Card readers and screening are planned for Bethel and a number of other smaller offices such as Kodiak, Kenai and Palmer.

A portion of this request will be used to recarpet the 6th floor of the Dimond Courthouse where the old carpeting is worn, stained and the glue has failed causing ripples that pose a threat to employee safety.