

Statewide Remodeling Costs**FY2002 Request: \$500,000****Reference No: 34033****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Rhonda McLeod**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)264-8215**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Renovation projects to increase staff efficiency and accommodate improved means of conducting court business, particularly accommodation of improved technology.

Funding:	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Gen Fund	\$500,000	\$895,000	\$495,000				\$1,890,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$895,000	\$495,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,890,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**Project Description/Justification:**

This request includes numerous small remodeling projects at many courts around the state. In general they fall into three categories: 1) remodeling the judicial bench and in-court stations in the courtrooms to accommodate the technology that improves timeliness and accuracy of court proceedings; 2) installing lighting to improve the safety of employees and the public accessing our facilities; and 3) working on customer service counters to improve access. The Kotzebue courthouse also needs a major remodel (new heating, ventilation, electrical wiring and room arrangement) and minor expansion, and the Boney courthouse needs a multi-litigant courtroom to handle civil cases with a large number of parties and a Grand Jury Hearing Room.

The court system is installing computers, digital recording systems and other equipment to improve efficiency of proceedings in the courtroom and to improve the quality of the recorded transcripts. Many courtrooms constructed before 1985 do not provide adequate space in the in-court station to accommodate the equipment being installed. Also, the judge's bench often is not designed to provide good ergonomics for a person seated in a restricted area and using computers the majority of the working day.

The parking garage in Anchorage does not have adequate lighting to ensure safety during hours of darkness. This request includes funds to install additional lighting. There are also buildings that do not

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have adequate exterior lighting to ensure safety for public and employees during daily operation in the winter.

PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST:

Improve lighting in Anchorage parking garage	100,000
Reconstruct in-court clerk's station in the following court locations:	250,000
1 st District: 13 stations in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell	
2 nd District: 4 stations in Nome and Kotzebue	
3 rd District: 18 stations in Dillingham, Palmer, Kenai, Homer, Seward, Glennallen, Anchorage, and Valdez	
4 th District: 3 stations in Tok, Delta Junction and Galena	
Remodel and upgrade Kotzebue Courthouse	895,000
Construct multi-litigant courtroom and Grand Jury Hearing Room in Anchorage	500,000
Improve Judge's bench in 9 locations	45,000
Improve customer service counters in 6 locations	60,000
New public seating in the Boney Courthouse, Dillingham, and Homer courtrooms	40,000