

Bethel Youth Facility Security Improvements**FY2006 Request: \$233,900****Reference No: 39875****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Bethel**Contact:** Larry J. Streuber**House District:** Bethel (HD 38)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 07/01/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Current physical security measures provided to staff at the Bethel Youth Facility are inadequate. Renovation of security enhancements and controls at the Bethel Youth Facility are needed to provide staff a safe working environment.

| Funding: | <u>FY2006</u> | <u>FY2007</u> | <u>FY2008</u> | <u>FY2009</u> | <u>FY2010</u> | <u>FY2011</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bond Funds | \$233,900 | | | | | | \$233,900 |
| Total: | \$233,900 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$233,900 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input checked="" 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:

This is the first year of this project.

Project Description/Justification:

Presently the main entrance to the facility, which remains open during business hours, enters into a main corridor, which then allows unimpeded access to administrative and probation offices. Anyone could enter the office area and harm administrative and probation staff. Recognition of this risk has prompted similar security enhancements in other youth facilities, and has contributed to design considerations in newly constructed facilities. At present, this is the only youth facility that has not had this type of security upgrade completed (with the exception of Nome Youth Facility, which is currently undergoing renovation and expansion).

Construction of the designed security enhancements would limit visitor access to a reception area immediately adjacent to the administrative entrance. Staff would have to admit visitors through a secure door after verifying the purpose of their visit. Construction would also include upgrading the existing structure to include bullet resistant partitions and windows in areas adjacent to the entry hall. Additional security cameras would be installed to provide enhanced monitoring of the driveway, parking lot, and building perimeter.

Part of the security improvements will be a touch screen security control system. The existing door and closed circuit television security controls are original to the facility and are custom built. Since parts are difficult to obtain, repair to this system is costly and time consuming. Extensive maintenance time requires frequent off duty calls to facility maintenance staff to check the facility.

Given that staff safety and security concerns have led the Department to provide these additional security measures at all other juvenile facilities, it is critical to provide similar security measures at the Bethel Youth Facility. The design phase of this project has been completed.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This request meets the Department mission by providing a safer area at the Bethel Youth Facility for visitors, clients and staff.

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