

**Safety and Support Equipment for Probation Officers and Front Line Workers**      **FY2010 Request: \$1,115,750**  
**Reference No: 32446**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities  
**Category:** Health/Human Services  
**Location:** Statewide      **Contact:** Arnold Liebelt  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)      **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2014

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide for safety and support equipment statewide for front line workers including probation officers, social workers, public assistance staff, and the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services. Funds will be used for fixed and movable equipment to support the Divisions' programs.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$365,750	\$370,965	\$370,965	\$370,965	\$370,965	\$370,965	\$2,220,575
G/F Match	\$300,595	\$583,182	\$583,182	\$583,182	\$583,182		\$2,633,323
Gen Fund	\$449,405	\$1,045,853	\$1,045,853	\$1,045,853	\$1,045,853		\$4,632,817
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,115,750</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$370,965</b>	<b>\$9,486,715</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
61% = 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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

- CH29/SLA08/P149/L32 - \$750.0 GF and \$87.8 Federal
- CH30/SLA07/P95/L30 \$382.1 GF
- CH82/SLA06/P74/L5 - \$28.4 GF, \$320.2 GF Match, and \$151.4 Federal
- CH159/SLA04/P27/L10 - \$350.0 Federal Unrestricted and \$130.2 Federal
- CH82/SLA03/P29/L8 - \$260.0 GF and \$135.0 Federal
- CH1/SSSLA02/P40/L26 - \$400 GF and \$714.2 Federal
- CH61/SLA01/P19/L11 - \$200.0 GF and \$2,331.0 Federal
- CH135/SLA00/P14/L21 - \$163.2 AHFC Dividends and \$38.9 Federal

**Project Description/Justification:**

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The list of equipment presented in this request includes all known equipment needs. The Department will purchase equipment based on the list below to the greatest extent possible. However, actual allocation of funds for particular equipment will depend on a determination of current needs at the time that funds become available.

**Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) \$364.5**

**McLaughlin Youth Center/Anchorage Probation:**

**\$442.7** Radio Replacement -- In FY08 and FY09, the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) requested funding to replace radios with the new equipment needed to move to the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system. DJJ received partial funding of these requests during each of these years. During FY08, DJJ began replacing the radios in the Fairbanks region. During FY09, we expect to replace radios in Southeast Alaska and other portions of the state. DJJ anticipates that the funding received will cover all the needs statewide except for the McLaughlin Youth Center and the Anchorage Probation Office. DJJ requires 60 hand held units, 9 base stations and 14 mobile units. The cost is approximately \$5,125 each. If this request is fully funded, the division will be online with ALMR.

**Probation Services:**

**\$52.1** Soft Body Armor/Ballistic Vests. There are several new probation officers coming on board who are in need of vests. Additionally, vests have a life of five years before they must be replaced.

Jackets/Officer ID/Arrest, Transport. With heightened post 9/11 security, including malls and airports, it is more and more critical that Juvenile Probation Officers (JPO) and SSAs wear gear that easily identifies them as a JPO.

Hats/Officer ID/Arrest Transport. With heightened post 9/11 security, including malls and airports, it is more and more critical JPOs and SSAs wear gear that easily identifies them as a JPO.

Handcuffs. Additional handcuffs are requested for new officers and to fill in gaps where they exist with current offices.

Handcuff Cases. Cuff cases are critical equipment when engaging in an arrest to keep equipment from being conspicuous, but also allow for easy access and increase officer safety.

Cuff Waist Belts. Replacement of those that are worn out.

Cuff Leg Irons. Replacement of those that are worn out.

**Statewide:**

**\$93.7** The division needs to replace a variety of office equipment as it wears out. This includes such things as servers, computers, copiers, fax machines, printers, and scanners. All of the office equipment is vital to staff for performing their jobs. Many of these items listed have an expected life span of three to five years. Many of our copiers haven't been replaced in more than seven years. It is time to replace many of our laptops that hardly function when staff is traveling, not to mention the desktops that have exceeded the three-year life expectancy.

**Office of Children's Services (OCS) \$133.7**

**\$42.7** In the fall of 2007, Network Services identified a group of Office of Children Services (OCS) servers in need of replacement. At that time, OCS did not have enough money to pay for all of the servers and replaced the minimum in anticipation of being able to replace the remainder in FY2010. Eleven office servers located throughout the State are in need of replacement. The ability to store, retrieve, and back up critical files will be enhanced and stabilized in each office that has been updated. If any of these servers breaks down and a replacement part can not be located, critical information will be lost. The primary function of the office servers is to act as a

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local data storage site. Without these servers, staff would have no place to securely store electronic files and no ability to create back-up copies of the files. Furthermore, because of the advanced age of the servers, replacement parts are difficult, if not impossible to locate. The current practice is to cannibalize parts from defunct servers. Network Services stated they have run out of defunct servers to act as replacement parts. The lack of replacement parts is compounded by the fact that there are a number of different makes and models of servers. Consequently, if a server stops working and there is a defunct server available, the parts may not be compatible. These servers also assist in email caching. It is not a question of if any of these servers will stop functioning but when. If a server goes down and a replacement part cannot be cannibalized off of another defunct server, critical, confidential, and irreplaceable data will be permanently lost.

**\$160.6** The Office of Children's Services has 29 offices statewide. In order for staff to adequately perform their jobs, employers have an obligation to provide staff with adequate furnishings and equipment.

\$10.1 Many of our offices are in need of replacement furniture and equipment. This request for funds will assure the Ketchikan office can replace desks with drawers taped shut least they fall out, chairs that are no longer stable, and copiers that have far exceeded their usefulness.

\$47.9 In addition to furniture and equipment in ill repair, the Anchorage office has more employees, trainees, and student interns than work stations. Anchorage staff has increased by five workers in the last year. While the division has been able to temporarily accommodate these workers, available workstations within the appropriate work units and equipment are required to maximize performance and function.

\$10.1 The Anchorage office is acquiring eight students for the Multi-Disciplinary Intern Unit and two Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training (MASST) work training volunteers through the Department of Labor Nine Star Education and Employment Services. The Department of Labor pays a stipend to these trainees. The only cost to the host agency is equipment. The Multi-Disciplinary Intern Unit will consist of University students from across the behavioral science board (psychology, sociology, counseling, human services, social work). The goal of this unit is to create a pipeline of trained employees to boost recruitment and retention efforts. This request will provide computer equipment for these trainees and other trainees to follow.

\$11.5 With the recent move to the new Anchorage offices, equipment shortages have become evident. Scanners will become a requirement for entry of documentation into the federally mandated computer database, the Online Resources for the Children of Alaska (ORCA). Purchase of four digital scanners is needed for the investigation unit, permanency unit, child protective services unit co-located with AK Cares, and the intake/open for services area of the building.

\$81.0 The availability of safe and reliable vehicles for transporting children and workers in child welfare is a necessity. Children are transported daily as well as all times of the day and night. The circumstance may be a routine transport or a potentially dangerous emergency removal involving violence in the household. The Anchorage regional office needs to replace four vehicles with maintenance costs that are no longer cost effective, or the vehicles are no longer safe or reliable. The vehicles being replaced are model years 1992, 1994, and 1998.

**Division of Public Assistance (DPA) \$459.2**

**\$162.5** Adequate workstations, functioning equipment, and security of client records, are crucial to the productivity of staff, efficiency of operations, and acceptable customer service. Budgetary constraints have resulted in a prolonged life cycle of equipment in many Public Assistance offices. The Division of Public Assistance is committed to providing a professional and efficient workplace for employees, and ensuring safety and accessibility of services for clients. Funding authorized will be used to begin replacing broken or worn out furniture and equipment.

**\$433.3 Work Stations for Gambell Office Relocation**

This capital funding request is to secure funding to replace old, well-used, furniture with workstations that are adjustable and can be configured to maximize efficient use of available space and accommodate the needs of staff and accessibility of services for clientele. In addition, new workstations are needed for DPA employees because the majority of the furniture is old, well used, and has been in service for ten years or more. Many workstations are no longer functional or able to be adapted or configured, and it is questionable if some furniture will survive the move to a new location or be able to fit into office space acquired.

**Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) \$100.0**

Furniture (work stations), office equipment, filing cabinets, are needed for new leased space in Anchorage for DSDS. The number of full-time employees assigned to the Division has more than doubled over the last five years, from approximately 65 positions to 133. The Division has worked hard to maximize existing office space in the Anchorage office by placing two to three employees into single person offices. This solution was less than ideal and now capacity has been reached for any additional utilization of existing space. As a result, we are relocating to a new location. In addition to staff growth, DSDS has seen and continues to see dramatic growth in the number of individuals utilizing the Division's programs, due in large part to the increasing number of seniors in Alaska. This has created a significant need for client file storage, another area where the Division will soon exceed capacity. Moving to larger office space will accommodate existing staff and files and allow room for continued growth. The amount requested is based on 105 employees and approximately 25,000 square feet of space.

Department's Mission: To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans. This project supports the Department's mission by providing vehicles and equipment that will allow staff to carry out their responsibilities effectively and in a safe manner.

The end results to which this project contributes are "Provide a safe environment for Alaska pioneers and veterans", "Improve juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services resulting in higher levels of accountability and public safety", "Low income families and individuals become economically self-sufficient", and "Healthy people in healthy communities."