

Court Security Projects**FY2024 Request: \$3,125,000****Reference No: 64819****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)**Contact:** Rhonda McLeod**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028**Contact Phone:** (907)264-8215**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is a multi-year project targeting system and building improvements to protect the public and court staff in both rural and urban court facilities. FY2024 funding will be used to complete the highest priority projects throughout the state which are installation of closed-caption camera equipment in rural locations; window hardening in the Boney, Nenana, and Juneau Dimond Courthouses; and, access control within the Anchorage campus. Access control systems can be managed electronically versus through issuance of physical keys, which can be lost or stolen. To improve security on the Anchorage campus, physical keys will be replaced with electronic access controls.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$3,125,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,333,000				\$9,458,000
Total:	\$3,125,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,333,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,458,000

<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"/> 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:

**Planning and Design of Stratton Library Remodel for
Future Sitka Court House**

FY2024 Request:
Reference No:

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AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Law and Justice
Location: Sitka

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities

House District: Sitka/Petersburg/Yakutat (H
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1004 Gen Fund	\$420,000						\$420,0
Total:	\$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420,0

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Project Description/Justification:

Due to a host of chronic maintenance problems, the Alaska Court System is looking for a new space for our courthouse in Sitka. The most promising option for us is the Stratton Library, which we would like to remodel and lease from the Department of Education and Early Development. We have already looked closely at the facility and are confident that we can remodel it to meet our needs.

During the past legislative session, after discussions with the Legislature we asked for and the legislature approved money for the design phase of this project. We did this so that should you approve leasing the Stratton Library to the court system we can begin work without having to wait until next year for funding.

Summary of Plan

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), owns several properties in Sitka. Several years ago, the DEED placed the Stratton Library on a list to dispose of properties based on a request from Governor Dunleavy. This facility has been unoccupied for several years and to ACS' knowledge there is no plan to utilize this space for anything other than secure museum storage. The Facilities Director for ACS met with the Division Operations Manager for DEED and discussed the possibility of leasing the Stratton Library to ACS. DEED seemed interested in this concept and the Facilities Director for ACS flew to Sitka to tour the facility to ensure it was in good condition to renovate. The next step was meeting with a designer / architect to determine if it was even feasible to move into the space based on our space needs and if the building had good bones. The designer / architect traveled to Sitka with the Facilities Director to tour the existing lease and the potential new space at Stratton. The designer/ architect believed it was feasible for ACS to lease the first floor of the facility and allow the second floor to be used exclusively by DEED for the purposes of collection storage and/or educational purposes. The designer / architect provided ACS with an estimate for completion of this project which would require some mechanical and site upgrades to make the building appropriate for our court location. Below is a breakdown of costs as provided by the designer/ architect for ACS:

- Comprehensive Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade
- Site work required for parking and employee access
- Complete interior renovation to the 1st floor to include restrooms and main lobby Design cost: \$420,000
Estimate for construction cost: \$3.5 million
Total project cost w/ permitting, contingencies, etc.: \$4.5 million

It is really a benefit for the DEED to allow ACS to lease from this facility. The facility has been largely vacant and the Court System would be a long-term tenant of the property as there is no intention of closing or reducing services to the Sitka Court. Additionally, ACS would be completing necessary mechanical upgrades that could be done in conjunction with DEED to ensure the right system is in place for the second floor, DEED would need to provide funding for any specialty type systems like humidity control, etc. for the purposes of maintaining their collection. ACS would also align well with the DEED as we are a security focused agency and would maintain a higher level of security in the building than it presently has. Typically, ACS engages in long term (20+ years if not more) with our Executive Branch partners, this can be seen in other facilities such as the Boney Courthouse, Kodiak Court and

Office Building, and the Ketchikan Court and Office Building.

ACS would engage in an RSA annually based on the actual operating costs of the facility to pay DEED for use of the property. ACS has already spoken with DOT&PF as they no longer have maintenance available in Sitka. DOT&PF has expressed interest in adding a PCN to Sitka with ACS covering roughly 50% of the position costs and other agencies engaged in Service Level Agreements would pay the other 50% of the PCN. This would also be a great benefit not only to DEED but other Executive Branch agencies located in Sitka that the DOT&PF provide maintenance services for, presently, they only travel to Sitka on an as needed basis, quarterly or less, to complete maintenance tasks for DEED, DOT&PF, the Public Health Center, and others.

ACS requested funding in the FY24 budget cycle in the amount of \$420,000 to complete design work on this project and if approved to use the space will move forward immediately. Once design is completed, ACS intends to request the funding to complete the project in the amount of around \$4.0 million.

ACS is very excited about the potential of leasing space from DEED. The Stratton Library is a beautiful facility with a great view of the harbor. Our intent would be not to modify any of the exterior architecture