



Other Public Safety

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The Other Public Safety subcategory includes projects serving more than one public safety department, to include the Sherriff's Department and the Circuit Court.

PROGRAM CONTACTS Contact Kara Hawkins of the Circuit Court at 240.777.9109 or Katherine Bryant Higgins of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2764 for more information regarding this department's capital budget.

CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The FY25-30 Capital Program for Other Public Safety contains funding for one project to replace Audio Visual equipment in the South Tower of the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

HIGHLIGHTS

The F25-30 CIP includes \$2 million to design and deploy replacement of audio/video systems in 18 South Tower courtrooms. These systems support remote hearings, assisted listening for individuals with hearing loss, and translation technology for non-English speakers and allow for electronic capture of the Court record. These systems are used in the courtroom every day to help litigants participate in court remotely, show jurors evidence and exhibits and support court trials. The courtroom lights, screens, and audio-visual display system are at risk of failure while court is in session, which can cause delays to the court process.



South Tower of the Circuit Court AV Replacement Project

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Category	Public Safety	Date Last Modified	01/06/24
SubCategory	Other Public Safety	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	Rockville	Status	Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY23	Est FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY23	Est FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: General	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 25 Request	2,000	Year First Appropriation	
Appropriation FY 26 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Design and deploy replacement of audio-visual (AV) systems in 18 South Tower courtrooms and provide two years of warranty and support with options to renew. These systems support remote hearings, assisted listening for individuals with hearing loss, translation technology for non-English speakers, and allow for electronic capture of the Court record. The system will be integrated within each room to facilitate effective communication, evidence display, and collaboration during court hearings, trials, and remote interactions.

LOCATION

50 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Implementation to begin in FY 2025.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Circuit Court's South Tower opened in 2014 and included built in audio-visual systems in each of the 18 courtrooms. The existing support from the manufacturer and other information technology contracted resources is limited and outdated. Over the past two years, the AV systems have encountered persistent failures, exacerbated by the unavailability of replacement parts for the system. Given that 16 of the 18 courtrooms are in active use, the failing components and wiring pose a significant challenge. The court relies on the AV system to conduct multiple hearings and trials a day, and the frequent breakdowns have become a hinderance.

COORDINATION

Circuit Court, Department of General Services, Sheriff's Office, Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions, State Judiciary's Department of Judicial Information Systems