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Joint Committee on State Building Construction

Chairman Billinger and members of the joint committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to testify concerning the Judicial Branch's five-year Capital Improvement Plan which encompasses two potential capital improvement projects for the Judicial Center, but both are subject to grant funding: restructuring office space within the Office of Judicial Administration and Expansion of IT Help Desk. These projects will proceed only if grant funding is secured – the most recent application through the SPARK Taskforce.

1. Office Restructure in Office of Judicial Administration - \$200,000 (FY 2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated the need for centralization and standardization of certain processes in the court system. For instance, centralizing language access services and online dispute resolution to the court system would allow parties to access the court system in an efficient, timely manner. Once implemented, these programs will provide efficiencies across the state. Office space is needed for the development and implementation of these statewide programs. It is contemplated that this construction project would allow more than one individual to "hotel" in an office; that is, providing part-time in-office space for individuals when not working remotely.

2. Expansion of IT Help Desk - \$200,000 (FY 2021)

The current IT Help Desk is physically insufficient to meet statewide information technology needs placed upon it by the COVID-19 pandemic. IT staff need an adequate area to prepare remote access equipment for distribution and to provide tech support statewide. This project will allow for implementation of public health and safety guidelines, such as the need for adequate social distancing, so that staff may successfully perform these tasks.

Thank you for your consideration and with the chairman's permission, I stand for questions.

Attachment

Revised Five-Year Capital Budget Plan--DA 418A

Division of the Budget

Agency Name Judicial Branch

State of Kansas

Project Title	Estimated Project Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Subsequent Years
1. IT Help Desk	200,000		200,000						
3. Restructure of Offices	200,000			200,000					
Total	400,000	\$ --	200,000	200,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --		\$ --

Revised Project Request Explanation--DA 418B

1. Project Title: IT Help Desk		2. Project Priority: 1	
Agency: Judicial Branch			
3. Project Description and Justification:			
<p>The current IT Help Desk is physically insufficient to meet statewide information technology needs placed upon it by the COVID-19 pandemic. IT staff need an adequate area to prepare remote access equipment for distribution and to provide tech support statewide. This project will allow for implementation of public health and safety guidelines, such as the need for adequate social distancing, so that staff may successfully perform these tasks. The Kansas Judicial Branch is planning to apply for grant funding for this project.</p>			
4. Estimated Project Cost:		5. Project Phasing:	
1. Construction (including fixed equipment and site work)	143,105	1. Preliminary plans (including misc. costs)	3,943
2. Architect or engineer fee	11,265	2. Final plans (including misc. and other costs)	5,069
3. Moveable equipment	0	3. Construction (including misc. and other costs)	190,988
4. Project contingency	25,829		
5. Miscellaneous costs	19,801		
Total	\$200,000	Total	\$200,000
6. Amount by Source of Financing:			
Fiscal Years	1. Docket Fee Fund/Grant Funding	2.	3.
Prior Years			
FY 2021	\$200,000		
FY 2022			
FY 2023			
FY 2024			
FY 2025			
Subsequent Years			
Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$ --

Revised Project Request Explanation--DA 418B

1. Project Title: Office Restructure	2. Project Priority: 1
Agency: Judicial Branch	

3. Project Description and Justification:

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FY 2021						\$0
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FY 2023						\$ --
FY 2024						\$ --
FY 2025						\$ --
Subsequent Years						\$ --
Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$200,000