

WASHINGTON STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH
2013-2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST
Detailed Decision Package

Agency: Washington State Court of Appeals
Decision Package Title: Court Security
Budget Period: 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Request
Budget Level: Policy Level

Recommendation Summary Text

The U.S. Marshals' Office recommended implementation of perimeter security measures at the Washington State Court of Appeals Division III facility.

Fiscal Detail

Operating Expenditures	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-1 State General Fund	\$ 104,000	\$ -0-	\$ 104,000
Staffing			
	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
FTEs	-0-	-0-	-0-

Package Description:

The Court of Appeals requested the U.S. Marshal to do an assessment of the court and make a recommendation on security improvements needed. The survey was conducted and a Physical Site Survey and Security Recommendation made on November 8, 2007. The assessment covered all aspects of court security both inside and outside of the facility at 500 N Cedar Street, Spokane, WA. The report concluded that fencing is "highly recommended for this facility." The Kendall Yards development project is immediately adjacent to the court and actively adding housing units and commercial properties. The risk of malicious mischief is predicted to escalate with the rise in both vehicle and foot traffic through the area. Safety of court personnel and the public is an important consideration for all courts.

This one-time request covers the expenditures associated with the installation of a six foot iron perimeter fence around the property to control access for enhanced security. In addition, a key card rolling access gate would be installed to segregate employee parking and public parking. Separated parking will allow employees and judges to notice 'out of place' persons and vehicles and prevent the opportunity for assault

situations. Finally, one additional external perimeter security camera is needed to eliminate a blind spot in one location.

Measure detail

- **Impact on clients and services**

- **Impact on other state programs**
None.

- **Relationship to Capital Budget**

None.

- **Required changes to existing Court Rule, Court Order, RCW, WAC, contract, or plan**
None.

- **Alternatives explored**
The Court of Appeals Division III has operated without a perimeter guard since the purchase of the building. This is the only alternative to ensure safety of court personnel.

- **Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs and budget impacts in future biennia**
One-time cost.

- **Effects of non-funding**
Court personnel will continue to work in unsafe conditions with the likelihood of violence increasing each year.

- **Expenditure calculations and assumptions and FTE assumptions**

The amount identified is based upon a draft bid for services.

Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions

(Rationale for costs shown)

<u>Object Detail</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Non-Staff Costs	\$104,000	\$ -0-	\$104,000
Total Objects	\$104,000	\$ -0-	\$104,000