

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

Agency: Supreme Court
Decision Package Title: Funding for Security Measures
Budget Period: 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Request
Budget Level: Policy Level

Recommendation Summary Text

Funding is requested to implement security measures within the Washington State Temple of Justice.

Fiscal Detail

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

Package Description:

Recent state and national events have highlighted the need for improved security at court facilities within Washington. In addition, a number of incidents have taken place at the Temple of Justice which has heightened the need for a security analysis and corresponding implementation items.

The Washington Supreme Court commissioned a workgroup to identify security measures that should be implemented at the Temple of Justice. To that end, the workgroup requested that a security audit be performed by the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Workgroup recommendations and security audit findings will be included at a later date.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:

- **This package contributes to the Judicial Branch Principle Policy Objectives as noted below.**

Fair and Effective Administration of Justice in All Civil and Criminal Cases.

Washington courts will openly, fairly, efficiently and effectively administer justice in all criminal and civil cases, consistent with constitutional mandates and the judiciary's duty to maintain the highest level of public trust and confidence in the courts.

Accessibility. *Washington courts, court facilities and court systems will be open and accessible to all participants regardless of cultural, linguistic, ability-based or other characteristics that serve as access barriers.*

Access to Necessary Representation. *Constitutional and statutory guarantees of the right to counsel shall be effectively implemented. Litigants with important interest at stake in civil judicial proceedings should have meaningful access to counsel.*

Commitment to Effective Court Management. *Washington courts will employ and maintain systems and practices that enhance effective court management.*

Appropriate Staffing and Support. *Washington courts will be appropriately staffed and effectively managed, and court personnel, court managers and court systems will be effectively supported.*

Measure detail

- **Impact on clients and services**
Access to secure, safe courts promotes public confidence. Providing adequate security measures at the Temple of Justice will allow citizens to feel confident and safe while accessing court services and will provide a safe environment to court personnel.
- **Relationship to Capital Budget**
TBD.
- **Required changes to existing Court Rule, Court Order, RCW, WAC, contract, or plan**
None.
- **Alternatives explored**
Items and activities identified in this request represent the minimum actions necessary to improve public safety at the Temple of Justice.

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

- **Effects of non-funding**

If additional funding is not provided certain costs may not be paid.

<u>Object Detail</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Staff Costs	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD
Non-Staff Costs	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD
Total Objects	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

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