

Maine Judicial Branch
Coronavirus Relief Fund Requests

Requested 5/19/2020

- **\$8,500,000 Audio/Video** installations to improve remote access to the courts
 - Upgrade current system to allow for more remote access
 - Allow for mixed participation in and out of the courtroom
 - Improve audio/video for the record
 - Estimates based on working with a vendor. A more extensive review needs to be done for each courtroom, mediation room, and conference room.
- **\$3,500,000 Facilities:** (courtrooms, mediation rooms, public areas, holding areas, offices) to allow for social distancing
 - Renovation of courtrooms
 - Ventilation system improvements
 - Rental of spaces for jury selection
 - Estimates based on experience and looking at potential changes in sample courtrooms.
- **\$600,000 Office space** – permanent changes.
 - \$200,000 used temporarily from the Publications Fund to purchase plexiglass barriers statewide. These funds need to be replaced or it causes other funding shortages.
 - Higher cubicle walls for better employee protection and social distancing
- **\$300,000 Architect** – permanent courtroom changes
 - Review of each building to determine what permanent changes can be made to comply with social distancing guidelines
 - Recommended changes to HVAC systems.
 - Limited ability to review projects and have completed by the end of the year.
 - Proceed with Architect in the hope some of the deadlines are extended, or to prepare us for when funds become available anytime in the future.
- **\$176,678.64** – Emergency Expenditures
 - Also funded from the Publications Fund temporarily.
 - Cleaning, cleaning supplies, masks, shields, sanitizers, paper products for cleaning.

Due to the timing of receiving funds, some of the work will not be able to be accomplished in the timeframes established as of today. However, without additional requests we would purchase MODRIA, a remote mediation application, from Tyler Technologies for \$1 million to enhance our online and remote mediation sessions.