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**Project Summary Chart**

Project Name	STATE CAPITAL FUNDS					
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014 Request	FY 2014 Recommended	FY 2015 Request	FY 2016 Request
1. Minor Capital Improvement and Equipment*	\$ 500,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
2. Family Court Land Acquisition, Architectural and Engineering for Sussex County			9,000,000		70,350,000	
3. Justice of the Peace Court 7/16 Capital Improvements			2,500,000			
4. Court of Chancery and Court of Common Pleas – New Castle County Courts' Space Needs			3,100,000		TBD	TBD
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,600,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 71,350,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>

\*Funds authorized to the Office of Management and Budget.

**1. Minor Capital Improvement and Equipment**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested for Minor Capital Improvement and Equipment (MCI) projects at various judicial facilities. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides construction oversight for judicial projects identified by the Director of OMB and the State Court Administrator in the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Funding is requested to address physical improvements and purchase equipment as identified and recommended through an ongoing survey of the State's court facilities.

The following significant MCI needs have been identified:

- New Castle County Courthouse - Funding is requested for the renovation of courtrooms in the New Castle County Courthouse (NCCCH) to address security issues and courtroom space inadequacies as recommended in the NCCCH space study of 2012;

- Family Court - Funding is requested for additional shelving to expand records storage on Lower Level 1 as recommended in the NCCCH space study of 2012; paving the judges' parking lot in Sussex County; and security equipment such as magnetometers, x-ray machines and other critical needs; and
- Justice of the Peace (JP) Court - With the implementation of police prosecution in JP Courts statewide, there are some deficiencies in the lobbies and parking lots at JP Courts 4 and 6. For example, defendants sometimes have to wait outside of Court 6 (in inclement weather) due to the small lobby and/or have to park on the grass due to lack of parking spaces. Funding is requested for a space needs analysis for both locations.

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**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2012	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
FY 2013	350,000	0	0
FY 2014	1,000,000	0	0
FY 2015	1,000,000	0	0
FY 2016	1,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,850,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**2. Family Court Land Acquisition, Architectural and Engineering for Sussex County**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested for land acquisition and architectural and engineering services for a Sussex County Community Justice Center. Funding of \$9,000,000 is requested in Fiscal Year 2014 for land acquisition and architectural and engineering services. The Southern Court Facilities Space Study rates the Sussex Family Court facility as inappropriate.

The space study determined that this Family Court suffered primarily from operational deficiencies relating to inappropriate circulation zones, inadequate courtroom sizes and insufficient support spaces. The building lacks distinct circulation zones causing members of the public, judiciary, court staff and detainees to mix and interact resulting in security concerns and potential compromises to the judicial process. The courtrooms average approximately 600 square feet, which is substantially below the recommended standards. It is because of these below standard sizes that parties cannot be adequately separated, multi-party cases cannot be adequately accommodated, and many of the rooms do not meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition to the previously noted security issues, the detainee areas are much too small and lack the capability to properly separate adults from juveniles, as well as males from females. The study also found resident populations in southern counties are increasing at a rate faster than was originally projected, increasing demand-driven workload on the courts.

Family Court envisions starting with the creation of a Family Court Community Justice Center in Sussex County, which would centralize services in one location, making services as accessible in Sussex County as they are in New Castle County.

**FACILITY DATA**

**PRESENT**

Location	22 The Circle, Georgetown
Gross # of square feet	Sussex: 31,000
Age of building	Sussex: 24 years

**PROPOSED**

Location	Georgetown
Gross # of square feet	129,095
Estimated time needed to complete project	TBD
Estimated date of occupancy	TBD

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2014	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$0
FY 2015	70,350,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**COST COMPONENT**

**Cost by Item**

\$6,000,000	Building Planning/Design
3,000,000	Property Acquisition
4,000,000	Site Work
57,000,000	Total Construction Cost
2,050,000	Security and Furniture Fixtures and Equipment
700,000	Technology/Audio Visual
600,000	LEED Cost
6,000,000	Contingency
<b>\$79,350,000</b>	<b>Total</b>

**3. Justice of the Peace Court 7/16 Capital Improvements**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Using current MCI funds, the JP Court has requested pre-design services/estimates for JP Court 7/16 in Dover to add additional courtrooms, more lobby space and a new victim waiting area.

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Court 7/16 is the busiest JP Court in Kent County, handling both criminal and civil matters in only three courtrooms. To accommodate caseloads and improve service, the court has made changes to scheduling, implementing calls of the calendar and police prosecution processes. With these scheduling changes, the Court is able to better manage workflow and better assist court clients. However, more space is needed to support the volume of people accessing this location and more courtrooms are needed to accommodate case scheduling needs.

Twenty percent of the civil cases heard in the JP Court are handled at Court 7/16. On a daily basis, the Court uses one to two courtrooms, frequently conflicting with the need for courtrooms for criminal cases. Criminal workload is also handled on a daily basis. Police prosecution calendars are scheduled in one-hour time increments with up to 60 matters scheduled per hour. This equates to a minimum number of 180 people per morning or afternoon session just for the police prosecution calendar. Volume at this facility is exacerbated by the fact that all specialty matters in Kent County are handled in this location. Each specialty calendar requires a separate time slot which adds more participants to the court lobby and greater need for courtroom space. Because of the volume, the current victim waiting area is used by both police and victims, as available.

Although final construction cost estimates have not yet been received, it is expected that total funds needed for these facility improvements would exceed the allowable limits for use of MCI funding, thus capital funds are requested.

**FACILITY DATA**

**PRESENT**

Location	480 Bank Lane, Dover
Gross # of square feet	13,708
Age of building	13 years

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2014	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**COST COMPONENT**

**Cost by Item**

\$2,500,000	Total Construction Cost
<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>Total</b>

**4. Court of Chancery and Court of Common Pleas - New Castle County Courts' Space Needs**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested to address the recommendations of a recent space study of the NCCCH which showed serious space inadequacies for the courts located in that courthouse. The requested \$3,100,000 in funding would be used to begin necessary modifications to the NCCCH, subject to additional evaluation by the courts to ensure that the best long-term solution is implemented, including a study of whether or not the most cost-effective long-term solution to the judiciary's needs would involve moving the Court of Chancery to a facility designed to meet its needs and, thereby, allow other courts to occupy its space in the NCCCH, thus lowering modification costs.

**FACILITY DATA**

**PRESENT**

Location	New Castle County
Gross # of square feet	25,030
Age of building	10 years

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2014	\$3,100,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**COST COMPONENT**

**Cost by Item**

\$3,100,000	Total Construction Cost
<b>\$3,100,000</b>	<b>Total</b>

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**FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**1. Minor Capital Improvement and  
Equipment**  
**\$1,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**2. Family Court Building Construction  
Funds for Sussex County**  
**\$70,350,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**3. Court of Chancery and Court of  
Common Pleas - New Castle County  
Courts' Space Needs**  
**TBD**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**1. Minor Capital Improvement and  
Equipment**  
**\$1,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**2. Court of Chancery and Court of  
Common Pleas - New Castle County  
Courts' Space Needs**  
**TBD**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*