# Judicial



## **Project Summary Chart**

**State Capital Funds** 

	FY 2025	FY 2026 Request	FY 2026 Recommended	FY 2027 Request	FY 2028 Request
1. Customs House*	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
2. Combined Facility for Justice of the Peace Courts 8 & 9*	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -
3. Reconfiguration of Justice of the Peace Court 4 Seaford*	\$ -	\$ 1,050,300	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
4. Minor Capital Improvement*	\$ 911,062	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 911,062	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total	\$ 10,911,062	\$ 11,550,300	\$ 10,911,062	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 1,500,000

<sup>\*</sup>Funds authorized to the Office of Management and Budget.

#### 1. Customs House

Funding is requested to renovate the historic Custom House located in the City of Wilmington. After completion, the Custom House will provide offices for the Supreme Court, Arms of the Court, and Administrative Office of the Courts, all of which are currently housed in leased space in the Renaissance Center. Additionally, the Custom House will house administrative offices for the Community Court program as well as a resource center to support Wilmington Community Court. The current lease for the Renaissance Center expires in June 2027.

**Funding Schedule** 

	State	Federal	Other
FY 2022	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	-
FY 2023	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2024	\$ 27,401,100	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2025	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2026	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 72,401,100	\$ -	\$ -

#### **Facility Data**

Present						
Location	516 N. King Street, Wilmington					
Gross # of square feet	15,879					
Age of building	169 years					
Proposed						
Location	516 N. King Street, Wilmington					
Gross # of square feet	66,900					
Estimated time to complete project	Early Summer 2026					
Estimated date of occupancy	Late Summer 2026					

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#### 2. Combined Facility for Justice of the Peace Courts 8 & 9

Funding is requested for a new facility to house Justice of the Peace Court 8 (currently in Smyrna) and Justice of the Peace Court 9 (currently in Middletown). The merger of the two court locations will serve the southern New Castle County / northern Kent County region. The lease for Court 9, which handles civil and criminal cases, expires in 2026. The facility is inadequate for the court's operations and security. Efforts to find a larger leased facility in Middletown have been unsuccessful. Court 8 is housed in a state-owned facility. It handles criminal cases and currently is open only two days a week. The combined space will provide better space and efficiencies in service to the area.

**Funding Schedule** 

	State	Federal	Other*
FY 2026	4,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2027	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,500,000	\$ -	\$ -

#### **Facility Data**

Present					
	JP Court 8: 100 Monrovia Ave, Smyrna				
Location	JP Court 9: 757 N. Broad St., Middletown				
Cross # of square foot	JP Court 8: 2,250				
Gross # of square feet	JP Court 9: 3,000				
A (1 11)	JP Court 8: 34 years				
Age of building	JP Court 9: 21 years (leased facility)				
	Proposed				
Location	Townsend area				
Gross # of square feet	6,552				
Estimated time to	2 years				
complete project	2 years				
Estimated date of	TBD				
occupancy	1.52				

## 3. Reconfiguration of Justice of the Peace Court 4 Seaford

Funding is requested to reconfigure Justice of the Peace Court 4 in Seaford. The current state-owned facility has two small, unconnected lobbies and inefficient use of space in the clerical areas. Improvements to the facility will allow better monitoring of a single lobby by a court security officer, more space for court visitors in the lobby, better workflow for clerical staff, additional offices, and more privacy in the judges' chambers for calls and videoconferencing.

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**Funding Schedule** 

	State	Federal	Other
FY 2026	\$ 1,050,300	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,050,300	\$ -	\$ -

#### **Facility Data**

Present					
Location	408 Stein Highway, Seaford				
Gross # of square feet	Approximately 4,600				
Age of building	34 years				
Proposed					
Location	408 Stein Highway, Seaford				
Gross # of square feet	Approximately 5,300				
Estimated time to complete project	1 year				
Estimated date of occupancy	TBD				

### 4. Minor Capital Improvement (MCI) and Equipment

Funding is requested for MCI and Equipment to address physical improvements and purchase equipment as identified and recommended through an ongoing survey of the State's court facilities. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides construction oversight for judicial projects identified by OMB, Division of Facilities Management and the State Court Administrator.

**Funding Schedule** 

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		State	Federa	d	Other	
FY 2025	\$	911,062	\$ -	\$	-	
FY 2026	\$	1,500,000	\$ -	\$	-	
FY 2027	\$	1,500,000	\$ -	\$	-	
FY 2028	\$	1,500,000	\$ -	\$	-	
Total		ONGOING	\$	- \$	-	