

Courts

Tooele Courthouse

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATES	JUSTIFICATION
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This project will construct a new judicial facility adjacent to the current County Courthouse. It will be funded and used jointly by State Courts and Tooele County.

The estimates reflect the entire cost of the project with the County's share identified as "Other Funding."

The State's 72% share of the facility includes a district and a juvenile courtroom with a third roughed in for future growth. The County's 28% share will house its Justice Court and County Attorney.

Tooele County has asked Courts to vacate the 10,000 square feet leased in the County Courthouse so that the County can use it to address its growth needs. In return, the County has offered to donate the land for the new facility.

The County is considering a request that it provide up-front funding for its share of the project. An alternative is for the State to finance the entire project and charge rent to the County.

The rent that Courts are currently paying for its space in the County Courthouse and a 5,000 square foot juvenile probation office will be applied against the increase in O&M costs.

Total Request FY05	\$6,830,000
Construction	7,299,633
Design Fees	570,311
Property Purchase	0
Furnishings & Equip.	912,000
Utah Arts	72,887
Other	591,169
Total Est Cost	\$9,446,000
Previous Funding	\$0
Other Funding	\$2,616,000
Request Type	Design/Const
Gross SF	49,920
Increased State O&M	\$97,600
New FTE Required	16
Addnl. Program Costs	None
Systems Replacement	\$5,839,706
Estimated Life Span	50 Years
Programming	Completed

The Courts and Tooele County have been evaluating options for addressing their space demands since 1992.

The existing Courthouse is not adequate to meet the space needs of both the County and the Courts. One of the parties must vacate the space so that the other can use the entire building.

In recent years, Tooele County has experienced a population growth rate averaging 4.68% annually. This is the second highest growth rate among Utah counties.

In response to this growth, Courts have established a full service District Court with a full-time judge. There is also a need for a full-time juvenile judge with related support and probation staff. The County's Justice Court has also seen a substantial increase in caseload. The existing Courthouse has only two functioning courtrooms to meet this demand.

The existing Courthouse does not meet current security standards resulting in the intermingling of judges, staff, public and prisoners. In-custody prisoners are

transported from the jail through public corridors to the courtrooms placing the public and employees at risk.

