

Courtroom Audio/Visual System Upgrade

Overview

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Department	Court
Type	Capital Equipment
Project Number	62329

Description

The Court is in need of an updated audio/visual system in the courtroom. The equipment can be moved and re-utilized in a different location if needed. The A/V system is crucial to providing proper court proceedings for several reasons.

Most court proceedings are recorded and the recordings retained in accordance with the Arizona Code for Judicial Administration (ACJA). For issues related to ADA compliance, the courtroom should be equipped with hearing devices for people who are hard of hearing. Specialized equipment for simultaneous interpretation is needed to assist the court interpreter and will also assist with social distancing while providing interpreter services. The current wireless microphones are heavy and pose a security risk. Additionally, they are lacking specialized features that allow off-the-record conversation with the Judge and the replacement parts, including batteries, are no longer available.

The current system does not have the option for white noise when holding off-the-record discussions in the courtroom. The projector display for displaying evidence is not ideal as it offers a washed-out image that is difficult for all parties in the courtroom to view. Additionally, the Bailiff has no oversight as to what is projected on the screen for evidence; having equipment to better manage displayed evidence would be beneficial. Also, currently the A/V system is not capable of allowing parties to present video evidence from a phone, computer or tablet.


In-custody defendants are not transported to the Court for proceedings. They are heard via video from the Video Appearance Center (VAC). The equipment used for this purpose is located in the conference room of the Court. When the proceedings are underway in the conference room via video the recording system is not available to be used for additional proceedings to be held simultaneously in the courtroom. This is an issue on occasion due to conflict cases requiring a different Judge to hear those conflicted cases.

Currently, the Court is unable to utilize video conferencing in the courtroom. Video proceedings are beneficial as they mitigate the need for parties to appear in person for proceedings. The current rack for the recording system is bulky, taking up unnecessary space. A wall mounted rack for the recording system will allow for additional space in the courtroom. Adding speakers in the Victim Assistance (VA) Office within the courtroom will allow Victims to listen to court proceedings while in the VA Office. An earbud for court security will allow the security guard to have audio awareness of what is happening inside the courtroom.

Details

Division	City Court
Project Amount	\$60,000
New Purchase or Replacement	Replacement
Strategic Priority	Effective Government
Grant Funding	None
Bond Eligible	None
Project Status	New

Supplemental Attachments

 [Troxell Communications\(/resource/cleargov-prod/projects/documents/a7329a7754513b6b8f47.pdf\)](#)

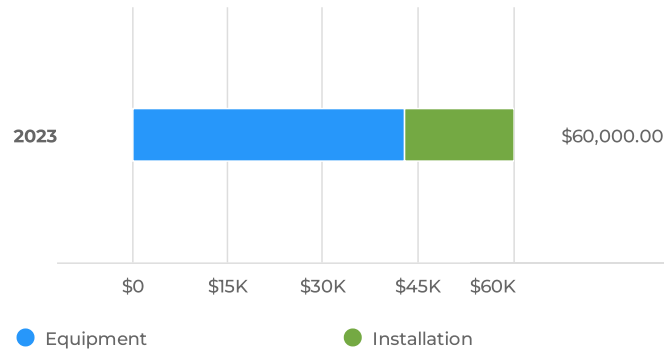
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Capital Cost

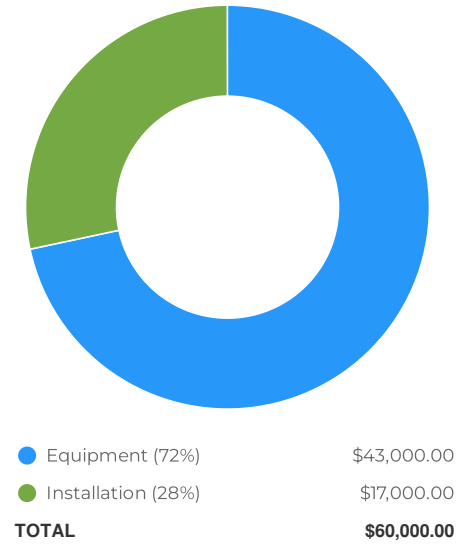
FY2023 Budget
\$60,000

Total Budget (all years)
\$60K

Capital Cost by Year



Capital Cost for Budgeted Years



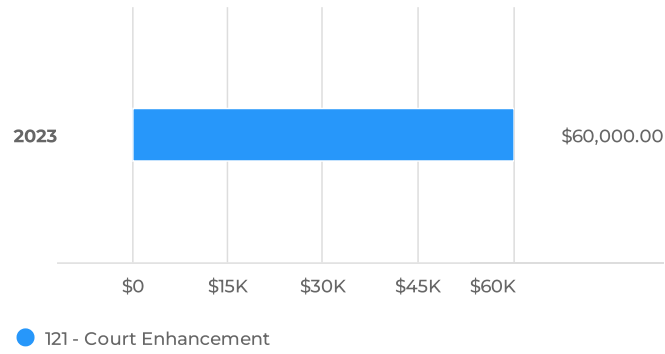
Capital Cost Breakdown	
Capital Cost	FY2023
Equipment	\$43,000
Installation	\$17,000
Total	\$60,000

Funding Sources

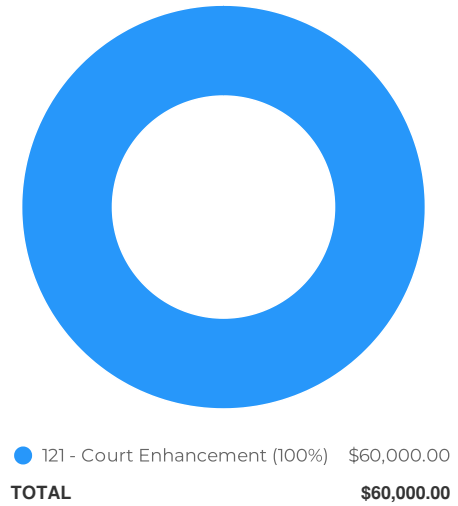
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Funding Sources	FY2023
121 - Court Enhancement	\$60,000
Total	\$60,000