SECTION 4

JUDICIARY

SEC. 4 APPROPRIATIONS: JUDICIARY

1. The following sum of \$5,380,000 is requested for fiscal year 2016 in total to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Judiciary.

A. <u>ADA Investments – Act 154 Sec 235(a)</u> \$180,000

As a result of court consolidations within Vermont and a close review of operations within all jurisdictions, the legislature directed BGS through the Capital Construction Bill [Act 154, Sec 235(a) of the Acts of 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010)] to audit (13) County Courthouses for ADA compliance.

All facilities were found to have non-compliance issues and in several buildings, it was determined that renovations would be detrimental to the buildings' historical character and/or cost prohibitive to renovate to comply. In those situations, accommodations can be made at other compliant buildings to serve clients with accessibility needs.

During FY'16 funds are being requested to continue making repairs and upgrades to help provide reasonable accommodations in the County Courthouse buildings.

Estimated cost of renovations/modifications:

 Grand Isle Superior Court 	\$ 33,000
 Bennington Superior Court 	\$ 50,000
Orleans Superior Court	\$ 15,000
 Chittenden Superior Court 	\$ 16,000
 Washington Superior Court 	\$ 38,000
Rutland Superior Court	\$ 28,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$180,000

Summary Cost Allocation:		Current	Budget Year FY '16	Budget Year FY '17	Future Requirements			
		Year FY '15			FY '18	FY '19	FY '20- FY '26	Totals
Planning & Design, Outside Consultants	50		,					50
Site Acquisition								0
Construction	350		180					530
Fit-Up								0
Total Appropriation for Fiscal Year(s)	400	0	180		0	0	0	580

Funds are requested to continue and complete the Lamoille County Courthouse project. This construction project is proposed to start in the late spring of 2015 with the renovation to the existing 16,655 SF courthouse, as well as the development of 11,320 square feet of new space. The project intent is to temporarily relocate the court and staff off-site in late March 2015 in order to complete the building renovation and additions in a more efficient manner, and without causing continual disruption to the courts. This project will relieve overcrowding, improve security and building access, provide an ADA compliant building and improve the building's energy profile considerably.



Summary	Approved	Current	Year Year	Budget	Future Requirements			
Cost Allocation:	Through FY '14	Year FY		Year FY '17	FY '18	FY '19	FY '20- FY '26	Totals
Planning & Design, Outside Consultants	550							550
Site Acquisition								0
Construction		3,200	5,200	0				8,400
Fit-Up								0
Total Appropriation for Fiscal Year(s)	550	3,200	5,200	0	0	0	0	8,950