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### MISSION AND PROGRAMS

The Judicial Article was passed in 1975 amending Kentucky's Constitution to allow for formation of a unified court system. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was established in 1976 and serves as staff to the Chief Justice in executing the policies and programs of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the Kentucky Constitution, Section 110(5)(b), KRS 27A.020, and applicable court rules and orders.

The AOC is the operational arm of the Judicial Branch. The AOC supports court facilities and programs in all 120 counties, with its main campus in Frankfort. The AOC carries out duties that are mandated by the Kentucky Constitution, including administering the Judicial Branch budget, building and maintaining court facilities, maintaining court statistics through a statewide case management database, administering personnel policies and payroll for court personnel, and providing educational programs for judges, circuit court clerks and support staff.

### FUNDING SUMMARY

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>2026-2028 Biennium</b>	<b>2028-2030 Biennium</b>	<b>2030-2032 Biennium</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund	44,800,000	53,000,000	3,000,000	100,800,000
Other - Third Party Financing	122,807,000	139,914,000	155,702,000	418,423,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,607,000</b>	<b>192,914,000</b>	<b>158,702,000</b>	<b>519,223,000</b>

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### PLAN OVERVIEW

Before the passage of the 1975 Judicial Article, local governments were responsible for construction and maintenance of the Commonwealth's judicial facilities. Many of Kentucky's court facilities were constructed before 1975 and some are up to 150 years old. As a result, many court facilities were deficient in space, offer inadequate security, cannot accommodate new court technology, and are not accessible to all citizens.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Department of Court Facilities, oversees capital construction projects and oversight for maintenance and janitorial services in all Kentucky Court of Justice (KCOJ) occupied facilities. In 2020, AOC contracted with GRW, Inc. architects to do a facility assessment on any judicial facility that has not been replaced by a newer judicial center. Based on that assessment, the need for court facilities is ongoing. The KCOJ Administrative Procedures, Part X, govern the construction program.

In the 2026-2032 Capital Plan, the KCOJ is asking for the following:

2026-2028 biennium: three construction projects for new courthouses; renovation pool for Union Co Annex, Gallatin County, multiple projects at the Jefferson County Hall of Justice and Judicial Center, and a court security equipment pool.

2028-2030 biennium: four construction projects for new courthouses, asset preservation pool, and court security equipment pool.

2030-2032 biennium: four construction projects for new courthouses and court security equipment pool.

**KY COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

**2026-2028 Biennium**

(Projects listed by agency priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

<b>4</b>	<b>Renovation pool</b>	<b>41,800,000 GF</b>
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Renovation pool for judicial offices in Union County, prisoner holding in Gallatin County, and multiple projects at the Jefferson County Hall of Justice and Judicial Center. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW Project - This project was not included in the agency's previous capital plan.*
- *Costs associated with the project include \$1.6 million for Union County, \$1.2 million for Gallatin County, and \$39 million for Jefferson County for elevator, escalators, HVAC, Roof, and building envelope projects.*

<b>5</b>	<b>Security Equipment Pool</b>	<b>3,000,000 GF</b>
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Technology and equipment upgrades are being requested for existing court facilities. This would allow AOC to upgrade all cameras, access controls, security queuing equipment, and panic button systems in facilities that have not had security equipment and software upgrades since the late 1990s and early 2000s. AOC estimates that an average of 13 facilities can be upgraded per biennium through the 2030-32 biennium. (EQ)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW Project - This project was not included in the agency's previous capital plan.*

<b>2026-2028 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>44,800,000</b>
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**2028-2030 Biennium**

Asset Preservation Pool (C-O)	50,000,000
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Security Equipment Pool (EQ)	3,000,000
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<b>2028-2030 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>53,000,000</b>
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**2030-2032 Biennium**

Security Equipment Pool (EQ)	3,000,000
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<b>2030-2032 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
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**KY COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**Proposed Projects Involving Other Fund Sources**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

**2026-2028 Biennium**

(Projects listed by agency priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

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| <b>1</b>                         | <b>Construction - Spencer County</b><br>Construction of a 25,100 square foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice functions.<br>(C-O)<br><u>CPAB Staff Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>This project was included in the agency's 2024-2030 capital plan.</i></li><li>• <i>The annual General Fund use allowance is estimated at \$3,231,000 and calculated at 7.5% over life of bond.</i></li><li>• <i>Costs associated with development of the project include \$2,445,000-land acquisition; \$150,000-site survey/prep; \$1,835,000-project design; \$24,447,000-construction cost; \$750,000-moveable equipment/furniture; \$2,445,000-contingency; and \$1,589,000-other bond and financing costs.</i></li></ul>                | <b>33,661,000 OT-LTF</b> |
| <b>2</b>                         | <b>Construction - Boyle County</b><br>Construction of a 37,000 square foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerks, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice functions. (C-O)<br><u>CPAB Staff Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>NEW Project - This project was not included in the agency's previous capital plan.</i></li><li>• <i>The annual General Fund use allowance is estimated at \$4,734,000 and calculated at 7.5% over life of bond.</i></li><li>• <i>Costs associated with development of the project include \$3,604,000-land acquisition; \$150,000-site survey/prep; \$2,537,000-project design; \$36,038,000-construction cost; \$1,000,000-moveable equipment/furniture; \$3,604,000-contingency; and \$2,303,000-other bond and financing costs.</i></li></ul> | <b>49,236,000 OT-LTF</b> |
| <b>3</b>                         | <b>Construction - Lincoln County</b><br>Construction of a 30,000 square foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerks, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice functions. (C-O)<br><u>CPAB Staff Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>NEW Project - This project was not included in the agency's previous capital plan.</i></li><li>• <i>The annual General Fund use allowance is estimated at \$3,844,000 and calculated at 7.5% over life of bond.</i></li><li>• <i>Costs associated with development of the project include \$2,922,000-land acquisition; \$150,000-site survey/prep; \$2,066,000-project design; \$29,220,000-construction cost; \$750,000-moveable equipment/furniture; \$2,922,000-contingency; and \$1,880,000-other bond and financing costs.</i></li></ul> | <b>39,910,000 OT-LTF</b> |
| <b>2026-2028 Biennium Total:</b> |  | <b>122,807,000</b>       |

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**Proposed Projects Involving Other Fund Sources**  
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**2028-2030 Biennium**

Construction - Edmonson County (C-O)	35,111,000
Construction - Elliott County (C-O)	34,846,000
Construction - Estill County (C-O)	35,111,000
Construction - Lee County (C-O)	34,846,000
<b>2028-2030 Biennium Total:</b>	<hr/> <b>139,914,000</b>

**2030-2032 Biennium**

Construction - Ballard County (C-O)	34,791,000
Construction - Hickman County (C-O)	34,791,000
Construction - Larue County (C-O)	43,060,000
Construction - Meade County (C-O)	43,060,000
<b>2030-2032 Biennium Total:</b>	<hr/> <b>155,702,000</b>