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Part III

Capital Projects

The 2016-17 Judiciary budget request does not include any new appropriations for capital projects. It does seek to reappropriate capital funds originally appropriated in fiscal 2007-08 for the development of a Court Officer Training Academy in Kings County.

Court Officer Academy in Kings County

One of the primary recommendations of the Task Force on Court Security–convened by the Chief Judge and Chief Administrative Judge in the aftermath of September 11, 2001—was the expansion of training for court security officers by establishing appropriate residential facilities similar to those in use by the Department of Corrections and the State Police. Such facilities are necessary because of the unique security environments in which court officers operate and because of certain insufficiencies in the Judiciary's existing nonresidential program. Residential facilities would resolve many operational difficulties and would also facilitate court officer recruitment. In addition, the creation of a residential training facility will assist the court system in meeting the established training requirements under chapter 491 of the Laws of 2010.

Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2006 provided for the construction or acquisition of a Court Officer Training Academy to be located on specified property within Kings County. The Judiciary, with the assistance of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, has entered into a 49-year lease with a nonprofit entity for the purpose of renovating a former school complex into a state-of-the-art Court Officer Training Academy in Kings County. The project entered the construction phase in early Spring of 2014 and is scheduled for completion in 2017. Funds needed for this project are estimated at \$51 million.