

## 2009 Judiciary Facility Funding - County by County

**Addison** – The Addison County Courthouse is a state owned facility that opened in 1996. It houses the District and Family Courts on the first floor and the Superior and Probate Courts on the second floor. The original Addison County Courthouse which had been owned and maintained by the County reverted to Middlebury College when it no longer was used as a courthouse. The courthouse was replaced due to the expense of upgrading to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and life safety codes. The county does not pay the State rent for the Superior and Probate Courts. The Judiciary pays the Department of State Buildings and General Services (DBGS) \$420,861 for Fee for Space.

**Bennington** – There are four court facilities in Bennington County. The District and Family Courts are located in state owned space in converted trailers at the State Office Building Complex on Veteran's Memorial Drive. The District and Family Court moved to the temporary facility after the previous courthouse was closed due to health issues in the spring of 2007. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$190,031 for Fee for Space.

The County owns courthouses located in Bennington and Manchester. The Bennington County Courthouse in Bennington houses the Superior Court and the Bennington District Probate Court. Initially upon its creation the Family Court was located here and the Judicial Budget paid for renovations to accommodate the court. The Bennington County Courthouse located in Manchester houses the Manchester District Probate Court and occasionally sessions of the Superior Court are held here. The County pays for the expenses of operating and maintaining these facilities and for all renovations that have occurred.

**Caledonia** – The Caledonia County Courthouse is a state owned facility. It houses the District, Family, Superior and Probate Courts. The County deeded the rights to the original courthouse to the State and the Town of St. Johnsbury deeded the land to the State. The County does not pay rent for the Superior and Probate Courts but does pay rent for space used by the sheriff's department. The building opened in 2000. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$394,390 for Fee for Space.

**Chittenden** – There are two court facilities in Chittenden County. The Edward J. Costello Courthouse on Cherry Street is state owned and houses the District and Family Courts and the Professional Responsibility Board. The courthouse opened in 1994. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$1,005,525 for Fee for Space.

The Chittenden County Courthouse located on Main Street in Burlington is county owned and operated and houses the Superior and Probate Courts. The county has been responsible for its own renovations. My recollection is the County acquired the old federal post office building through donation in the early seventies. The county requested approval of a bond to renovate the post office at the general election which was approved. The new County Courthouse was opened in 1975. A few years later in 1982, the old courthouse was destroyed by fire. The County received authorization from the Legislature to retain the insurance proceeds in a special fund not subject to the 10% carry forward rule controlling county budgets. Recently the county received approval for another bond to update the courthouse.

**Essex** – The Essex County Courthouse is located in Guildhall. It is owned and operated by the County and houses the Superior, District and Family Courts. The courthouse was renovated in the early 1990s with money authorized through the capital bill to accommodate the new Family Court and become compliant with ADA requirements in 1992. The County leases space in Island Pond for the Essex District Probate Court and the county received money from the capital bill in 1994 to provide for accessibility.

**Franklin** – There are two courthouses in Franklin County. The District and Family Courts are located in a state owned and maintained building on Lake Street in St. Albans. The building opened in 1989. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$318,796 for Fee for Space.

The Franklin County Courthouse is located on Church Street in St. Albans and houses the Superior and Probate Courts. The courthouse is owned and maintained by the County.

**Grand Isle** – The Grand Isle County Courthouse located in North Hero houses the District, Superior, Family and Probate Courts. The building is owned and operated by the county. The capital bill has funded an extensive renovation of the building in the mid-80s and capital bill money has been used to pave the parking lots, replace the heating system and redo the roof and cupola.

**Lamoille** – The Lamoille County Courthouse is located in Hyde Park and houses the District, Superior, Family and Probate Courts. The building is owned and operated by the county. The capital bill has funded renovations to meet ADA requirements in 1993, improve energy efficiency and to remodel space for the District Court in 1988. There is a current project request for over \$6,000,000 to renovate the courthouse.

**Orange** – The Orange County Courthouse located in Chelsea houses the District, Superior, Family and Probate Courts. The building is owned and operated by the county and the county renovated the building in the mid-90s to meet ADA requirements and add a second hearing room. The Judiciary paid to rewire the building for data, telephone and security systems.

**Orleans** – There are two courthouses in Newport. The Emerson State Office Building, which is state owned and operated, opened in the mid-80s and houses the District Court. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$121,125 for Fee for Space.

The Orleans County Courthouse located next door houses the Superior, Family and Probate Courts. The building is owned and operated by the County. The Judiciary paid for modifications to locate the Family Court in the building. The capital bill paid matching money for energy efficiency modifications in 1982 and for repair of the steeple and improving handicapped access in 1992 and 1994. The county has been responsible for all other modifications.

**Rutland** – There are three court facilities in Rutland County. The District and Family Courts are located in the new state owned and operated facility on Merchants Row. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$447,338 for Fee for Space.

The Rutland County Courthouse is located on Center Street and houses the Superior Court and Rutland District Probate Court. The building is owned and operated by the County. The capital bill paid for renovations to the basement of the courthouse in 1991 to accommodate occupancy by the Family Court. The County also rents a space in the Fair Haven Municipal Building for the Fair Haven District Probate Court. The County has received permission from the Legislature to borrow funds for renovation projects.

**Washington** – There are five court facilities located in Washington County. The District and Family Courts are located on Main Street in Barre. The building opened in 1982 and the second floor was renovated in 1991 for occupancy by the Family Court. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$201,477 for Fee for Space. The Family Court also uses a courtroom located in space in the Hanks Building at the Waterbury State Office Complex.

The Supreme Court and Court Administrator are located at 111 State Street in Montpelier. The building was opened in 1916 with a full renovation in 1988. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$231,600 for Fee for Space.

The Superior and Probate Courts are located in county owned and operated facilities on State Street in Montpelier. The building was renovated by the County in the late 90s to comply with requirements of the ADA and to make more efficient use of space.

The Environmental Court is located in space leased by the Judiciary on Airport Road in Berlin.

**Windham** – There are four court locations in Windham County. The District and Family Courts are located on Putney Road in Brattleboro. The courthouse which opened in 1985 is owned and operated by the State. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$220,381 for Fee for Space. The court will be renovated this year to consolidate court staff offices and improve security.

The County owns and operates a historical courthouse in Newfane which houses the Superior Court. The capital bill funded repair of roof. This courthouse does not comply with the requirements of the ADA. The County leases space in Brattleboro on the Newfane Road for the Marlboro District Probate Court and in

Bellows Falls for the Westminster District Probate Court.

**Windsor** – There are four court locations in Windsor County. The District and Family Courts and the Judicial Bureau are located in a state owned and operated courthouse on Railroad Row in White River Jct. The courthouse opened in 1990. The Judiciary pays DBGS \$211,472 for Fee for Space.

The Superior Court is located in the Windsor County Courthouse on the Green in Woodstock. The County owns and operates the facility which does not comply with the requirements of the ADA.

The County owns the former Woodstock Correctional Facility and has renovated space for the Windsor District Probate Court. The County leases space in North Springfield for the Windsor District Probate Court.

In FY 2009, the Judiciary will pay about \$3.7 million for the Fee for Space program statewide.

### **State Owned and Operated Courthouses**

The Frank Mahady Courthouse in Middlebury – District, Family, Superior and Probate Courts  
The Bennington State Office Building – District and Family Courts  
The Caledonia County Courthouse – District, Family, Superior and Probate Courts  
The Edward Costello Courthouse in Burlington – District and Family Courts  
The Franklin District and Family Courthouse – District and Family Courts  
The Lee Emerson State Office Building in Newport – District Court  
The Rutland District and Family Courthouse – District and Family Courts  
The Barre State Office Building – District and Family Courts  
The Windham District and Family Courthouse – District and Family Courts  
The Windsor District and Family Courthouse – District and Family Courts & the Judicial Bureau  
The Supreme Court in Montpelier – Supreme Court

### **County Owned and Operated Courthouses**

The Bennington County Courthouse in Bennington – Superior & the Bennington District Probate Courts  
The Bennington County Courthouse in Manchester – Manchester District Probate Court  
The Chittenden County Courthouse – Superior and Probate Courts  
\*The Essex County Courthouse – District, Family and Superior Courts  
The Franklin County Courthouse – Superior and Probate Courts  
\*The Grand Isle County Courthouse – District, Family, Probate and Superior Courts  
\*The Lamoille County Courthouse – District, Family, Probate and Superior Courts  
\*The Orange County Courthouse – District, Family, Probate and Superior Courts  
\*The Orleans County Courthouse – Family, Superior and Probate Courts  
\*The Rutland County Courthouse – Superior & the Rutland District Probate Courts  
The Washington County Courthouse – Superior & Probate Courts  
\*The Windham County Courthouse – Superior Court  
The Windsor County Courthouse – Superior Court

\* Capital Bill and Judicial Branch Appropriations have paid for some past renovations.

### **State Leased Facilities**

The Environmental Court

### **County Leased Facilities**

Essex District Probate Court – Island Pond  
Fair Haven District Probate Court – Fair Haven  
Marlboro District Probate Court – Brattleboro  
Westminster District Probate Court – Bellows Falls  
Windsor District Probate Court – North Springfield