



## FY 2019 Recommended Budget Budget Question

**Board Question #: 42**

**BUDGET QUESTION:** What is the space (sq. ft.) needed by DSS? Is it feasible to use the Marshall Center for DSS? What space is available to lease for DSS?

**RESPONSE:** The Department of Social Services requires approximately 25,000 square feet to meet the immediate 5-year need. An additional 10,000 square feet may be required to meet the 10 to 15 year need. Note that additional square footage may be required if spaces have a high level of unusable space or inefficient design.

No, the Marshall Center is not a feasible location for Social Services. The building has several major issues that remove it from consideration.

1. Insufficient private office spaces to support confidentiality of Social Services.
2. Insufficient general cubicle space to support staffing.
3. Insufficient storage for files, goods and materials, and office supplies.
4. Unable to meet the special demands including supervised visitation, washroom, drug testing, etc.

Staff is reviewing potential lease options within the County. However, only four (4) spaces of sufficient size have been identified and three (3) of those four (4) spaces would require heavy modification to meet the desired need.