

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department Goal

The primary goal of the Department of Health & Human Services for the 1997-2002 Capital Improvement Budget/Program is to improve the public health headquarters facility located at 9th Avenue and L Street. Originally constructed as a community hospital in 1967, the facility is inadequate for its present use. Included in the Property & Facility Management section of the 1997-2002 Capital Improvement Budget/Program are repair and upgrade projects to address the most immediate code correction and safety concerns associated with the building. However, these projects represent a partial, short term solution to the current inadequacies of the facility.

The long term goal of the department is to replace or renovate the facility to meet current needs. The estimated cost of replacement or major renovation is \$8,800,000, including design and construction. Funding source options for this project are in the process of being evaluated. As a result, no capital project is currently included in the 1997-2002 Capital Improvement Budget/Program for an improved public health facility.